

Item: **Tomatoes, Diced, Grade A or B, Style E**

Document: **US Standard for Grades**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **NA** Component Classification: **Secondary**

Estimated Shelf Life: **36 months at 80°F; 6 months at 100°F**

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Bright red to orange red diced tomatoes packed in tomato juice.

Odor: Heat processed canned tomatoes. Slightly metallic or acidic.

Flavor: Heat processed canned tomatoes. Slightly salty, metallic, or acidic flavor.

Texture: Slightly soft diced tomatoes with chewy skins.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: May darken and may appear wrinkled.

Odor: Excessively metallic, acidic or other objectionable odors.

Flavor: May become excessively metallic, acidic, bitter or other objectionable flavors.

Texture: May become softer or mushy.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

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