

Item: **Chili with Beans**

Document: **PCR-C-062A, Chili with Beans, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **300** Component Classification: **Primary**

Estimated Shelf Life: **36 months at 80°F**

Item Characteristics

Uniform mixture of cooked ground beef, kidney beans and pinto beans in a tomato-based chili sauce with onions and green bell peppers.

Appearance: Beef: Cooked ground beef with a brown to reddish-brown color.
 Beans: Cooked kidney beans with a reddish-brown color. Cooked pinto beans with a light pinkish-brown color.
 Sauce: Tomato-based, reddish-orange color with onions and green bell peppers and with flecks of spices; may contain pieces of tomatoes.

Odor: Cooked ground beef and beans in a tomato-based sauce with onions and green bell peppers and elicit a sensation of medium to high heat.

Flavor: Cooked ground beef and beans in a tomato-based sauce with onions and green bell peppers and elicit a sensation of medium to high heat.

Texture: Beef: Moist and tender.
 Beans: Slightly soft to slightly firm.
 Sauce: Moderately thick; may contain pieces of tomato.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Darkening of ground beef, beans or sauce

Odor: Scorched, sour, metallic. Loss of spice.

Flavor: Scorched, bitter, sour, metallic. Loss of spice.

Texture: Beef: Dry or tough.
 Beans: Mushy or firm.
 Sauce: Excessively thick or thin.

Unique Examination/Test Procedures

None

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Special Notes
None