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ITEM: Cream Gravy w/ Ground Beef (SOS)

NSN: 8940-01-151-5845 ITEM SPECIFICATION: PCR-C-042 Can
MIL-C-44337
8940-01-455-4609 PCR-C -040 Poly

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE PER SERVING: 331 (PRIMARY)

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

Appearance: Medium ground beef dispersed in medium thick, glossy sauce, some yellow fat on surface. Color profile: Brown meat in a tan sauce Gold version) or a creamy white sauce (new version).

Odor: Slightly spicy, slightly cooked beef, slightly cooked milk.

Flavor: Slightly salty, mildly seasoned cream sauce; and cooked beef.

Texture: Smooth, medium thick sauce; slightly chewy, tender ground beef.

ESTIMATED SHELF-LIFE AT 80 DEGREES F: 36 months
100 DEGREES F: 6 months

POSSIBLE DETERIORATIVE CHANGES:

Appearance: Product may darken in color and may oil-off.

Odor: Stale.

Flavor: Product may take on a cooked milk, flavor and become bland (loss of spice flavor) or stale.

Texture: Beef may toughen slightly; sauce may become thicker or thinner. Mushy vegetables.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION / TEST PROCEDURES: None

SPECIA: NOTES: Product was reformulated in 1986 to have a whiter, more creamy tasting sauce. Can is designed to yield 18 portions of approximately 2/3 cup each (253 grams).