
* MONOGRAPH NO.: IB5

ITEM: Spaghetti w/Meatballs In Sauce, Shelf Stable, ckd. (SMS)

NSN: 8940-01-151-6921 ITEM SPECIFICATION: PCR-S-010 Tray Can
(6 lb 14 oz or 3.12 kg net wt)

8940-01-455-1880 ITEM SPECIFICATION: PCR-S-012 Poly Tray
(5 lb 13oz or 2.64 kg net wt)

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE PER SERVING: 257

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: Round, slightly irregular meatballs and plump pieces of spaghetti with a thick sauce containing a few black pepper specks. Color profile: Cream colored spaghetti, dark brown meatballs, and a light red-orange sauce.

ODOR: Typical of a fully cooked pasta product containing Tomato, beef and herbs.

FLAVOR: Typical of a fully cooked pasta product containing Tomato, beef, and herbs. A slight salt aroma is noticeable.

TEXTURE: Soft, densely packed pasta, which is slightly dry. Inspectors will notice a low sauce level in relation to the amount of pasta.

ESTIMATED SHELF-LIFE AT 70 DEGREES F: 36 months
80 DEGREES F: 24 months
90 DEGREES F: 18 months
100 DEGREES F: 12 months

EXPECTED DETERIORATIVE CHANGES

APPEARANCE: Expect little or no change in appearance; may darken slightly.

ODOR: May exhibit a slight loss of spice aroma.

FLAVOR: Meatballs may become slightly dry and/or bland; slight loss of spice flavor; very slight bitter tomato flavor.

TEXTURE: Spaghetti may become softer.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES: None.

SPECIAL NOTES: Spaghetti is initially soft after retorting but firms up during storage. Can is designed to yield 12 servings of approximately 1 cup each (each serving shall include 2 meatballs) (251 grams).