
***MONOGRAPH: NO: MCW/LRP 23**

ITEM: Oatmeal Cookie Bar (Plain) (OCB)

NSN: 8920-01-234-2911

ITEM SPECIFICATION: MIL-O-44136

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE: 192 Kilocalories (PRIMARY)

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: Mottled, off-white to dark tan, rectangular, compact bar without chocolate coating:

ODOR: Sweet, dry oatmeal cereal, baked cookie.

FLAVOR: Oatmeal, slightly salty, caramelized; sweet.

TEXTIURE: Firm, crunchy, breaks into fine particles.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

APPEARANCE: Darkens, moderate oiling off at the surface.

ODOR: Stale, oxidized, rancid.

FLAVOR: Stale, oxidized, rancid.

TEXTURE: Excessively hardened (very firm, hard to bite into); crumbly.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES: This product is vacuum packaged. Inspect for "inadequate vacuum" by firrnly grasping the edges of the package and attempt to pull or stretch the material away from the product for a short time. A pouch with adequate vacuum will return to its original shape when pressure is released. Gently attempt to move product within the pouch by pressing on the product's edge. If vacuum is inadequate to preserve and protect the product, the product will move easily within the pouch.

SPECIAL NOTES: Serviceability is considered significantly affected when more than 25% of the product is crushed or reduced to powder. Vacuum packaging preserves the product by protecting it from exposure to oxygen and moisture vapor and protects it from physical abuse by providing a sturdy compact package that resists breakage of the product. A slight packaging odor (i.e., plastic-like) may be noted upon initial opening of the package but should dissipate