

Item: **Beef Stew, Cooked, Dehydrated**

Document: **PCR-B-015, Beef Stew, Cooked, Dehydrated, Packaged in a Stand Up Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **580** Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Dehydrated product: Mixture of off-white potato dices, medium brown fibrous beef dices, green peas, orange carrot dices, white to off-white onion pieces and green celery pieces covered in a light to medium golden tan sauce powder with flecks of herbs and spices.  
Rehydrated product: Mixture of off-white potato dices, distinct medium brown beef dices, green peas, orange carrot dices, translucent white to off-white onion pieces, and green celery pieces in a semi-translucent, glossy, light to medium golden tan sauce with flecks of herbs and spices.

Odor: Dehydrated product: Cooked beef stew.  
Rehydrated product: Cooked savory beef, potato, pea, carrot, onion, celery and beef broth with herbs and spices.

Flavor: Rehydrated product: Cooked savory beef, potato, pea, carrot, onion, celery and beef broth with herbs and spices.

Texture: Dehydrated product: No wet or soft spots indicating incomplete dehydration.  
Rehydrated product: Fully rehydrated within twelve minutes; Slightly firm to slightly tender potato dices, moist and tender beef dices, slightly soft and tender vegetables, smooth and moderately thick sauce.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Dehydrated and Rehydrated: Darkening of or loss of color of vegetables, sauce, or meat.

Odor: Dehydrated and Rehydrated: Cardboard, oxidized, rancid, scorched, burnt.

Flavor: Dehydrated and Rehydrated: Cardboard, oxidized, rancid, scorched, burnt, loss of spice.

Texture: Dehydrated: Very hard, tacky, crystalline beef.  
Rehydrated: Unrehydrated product, chewy, dry beef, and excess water.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

N/A

**Special Notes**

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