

Item: **Beef stew**

Document: **PCR-B-020, Beef Stew, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **210**

Component Classification: **Primary**

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

Item Characteristics

Mixture of cooked beef dices in gravy with vegetables.
Beef: Dices (at least 60 percent by weight of the cooked beef dices not less than 3/4 inch dices), brown cooked beef color.

Appearance: Potatoes: 3/8 inch dices, off-white color.
Carrots: 3/8 inch dices, orange color.
Peas: Green color.
Gravy: Glossy, moderately thick, golden-brown to brown color.

Odor: Cooked beef, potato, carrot, and pea in a savory beef flavored gravy.

Flavor: Cooked beef, potato, carrot, and pea in a savory beef flavored gravy.

Texture: Beef: Moist and tender dices.
Vegetables: Slightly soft, tender.
Gravy: Smooth, moderately thick.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Excessive darkening of beef, potatoes, carrots, peas or gravy.
Gravy: Excessively thick or thin.

Odor: Souring of beef and/or gravy, metallic or musty.

Flavor: Metallic, bitter, rancid.

Texture: Beef: Dry, chewy, tough.
Vegetables: Extremely soft and mushy.
Gravy: Excessively thick or thin.

Unique Examination/Test Procedures

N/A

Special Notes

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