

Item: **Toffee Dessert Bar**

Document: **PCR-D-004, Dessert Bar, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **250**

Component Classification: **Primary**

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

Item Characteristics

Appearance: Intact and free of cracks, smooth surface, bar matrix has a dense structure, off-white color with medium to dark tan colored toffee bits distributed throughout.

Odor: Moderate sweet cream, moderate buttery, and caramelized sugar odor.

Flavor: Slight to moderate sweet cream, moderate buttery, and caramelized sugar flavor.

Texture: Dense matrix with smooth, creamy mouth feel, and firm, crunchy, chewy toffee bits.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Darkened color, crumbly, dense fudgy paste. Dessert bar sticking to the package.

Odor: Rancid, stale, oxidized.

Flavor: Rancid, stale, oxidized.

Texture: Excessively firm, crumbly.

Unique Examination/Test Procedures

This product is vacuum packaged. Inspect for “inadequate vacuum” by firmly grasping the edges of the package and attempting 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. If the vacuum is adequate the product will not move easily within the pouch.

Special Notes

N/A