ITEM: Pasta with Tomato Sauce (PTS) MONOGRAPH NO.: KB5

VENDOR: Wornick

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE: 465 Kilocalories.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

APPEARANCE: Thick, congealed orangish-brown sauce with a few small, flat pieces of

noodles and small, brownish-red beans.

ODOR: Slight tomato, herb and beans.

FLAVOR: Slightly sweet, mildly spicy canned tomato; bland beans and starchy

pasta.

TEXTURE: Smooth sauce with firm beans and pasta.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

APPEARANCE: Darkening of sauce; increased gumminess.

ODOR: Increased sourness.

FLAVOR: Increased sourness; salty.

TEXTURE: Excessive thickness or thinness of sauce; excessively firm and/or mushy

pasta or beans.

<u>UNIQUE EXAMINATION/TEST PROCEDURES</u>: Heating of the entree will aid in determination of the true consistency of the sauce, its oiliness, and enhancement of flavors and odors.

<u>SPECIAL NOTES</u>: Tomato acid may penetrate inner package at a colder storage temperature more than at a higher storage temperature. The skin of the bean may be separate from the bean, but should not be considered a defect.