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Item: **Chicken and Dumplings**

Document: **PCR-C-067, Chicken and Dumplings, Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **278**                      Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance:            Chicken: Strips may be of random length and size, cut with equipment that allows 5/8-inch in width, cooked chicken breast color  
                                 Dumplings: Intact, small and of random shape and size  
                                 Vegetables: Carrots and green peas are intact and have a cooked appearance, carrots are 3/8 inch in size.  
                                 Sauce: glossy, opaque, smooth and moderately thick.

Odor:                     Cooked chicken and dumplings, carrots, and peas in a chicken flavored sauce with mild poultry seasoning odor

Flavor:                   Cooked chicken and dumplings, carrots, and peas in a chicken flavored sauce with mild poultry seasoning flavor

Texture:                 Chicken: Moist and tender  
                                 Dumplings: Moist, tender, slightly doughy, and moderately firm  
                                 Vegetables: Tender.  
                                 Sauce: Smooth and moderately thick.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance:            Darkened chicken, sauce and vegetables; sauce separated and grainy; excess synergetic.

Odor:                     Rancid, metallic, sour dairy.

Flavor:                   Rancid, metallic, sour dairy, musty.

Texture:                 Lumpy, grainy sauce; excess Syneresis.. Mushy chicken and vegetables. Soggy, mushy dumplings.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

Spaetzle are small noodles or dumplings made with flour, eggs, water or milk and seasonings. They are usually boiled before adding to soups or other dishes.

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