

Item: **Ratatouille (Mixed Vegetables and Penne)**

Document: **PCR-R-012, Ratatouille (Mixed Vegetables and Penne), Packaged in a Flexible Pouch, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **220** Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

Tomato: Dices, cooked red tomato color. Zucchini: Pieces, cooked zucchini color. Green and red bell pepper: Dices, cooked pepper color. Onion: Pieces, translucent appearance of cooked onion. Mushroom: Pieces, brown, cooked mushroom appearance.

Appearance: Penne: Whole grain pasta product, tubular with ridges and diagonal end cuts, intact, cooked whole grain pasta color.  
Vegetarian sausage crumbles: Random size with the largest piece not to exceed 1/2 inch, cooked ground meat appearance.  
Sauce: Glossy, semi-translucent, may have pieces of minced garlic.

Odor: Stewed vegetables, mild cooked vegetarian sausage crumbles, and cooked whole grain pasta in a vegetable broth based sauce with Italian seasoning.

Flavor: Stewed vegetables, mild cooked vegetarian sausage crumbles, and cooked whole grain pasta in a vegetable broth based sauce flavored with Italian seasoning.

Texture: Vegetables: Tender.  
Penne: Slightly soft to slightly firm, not pasty.  
Vegetarian sausage crumbles: Texture similar to cooked ground meat.  
Sauce: Moderately thick, slightly free flowing.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Pasta: Broken or mushy, darkened or discolored. Vegetable: Broken or mushy, darkened or discolored. Sauce: Dry or pasty.

Odor: Acidic, oxidized tomato.

Flavor: Increased bitterness, acidity; oxidized tomato.

Texture: Pasta: Soft, mushy. Vegetables: Soft, mushy. Sauce: Thick, pasty.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

NA

**Special Notes**

NA