

ITEM: **Beverage Base, Powder, Iced Tea, Sugar Free, w / Aspartame (APM) Sweetener,
w / Added Ascorbic Acid (SFI)**

NSN: **8960-01-347-6339** ITEM SPECIFICATION: **CID A-A-20098**

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUES: **1-2 Kilocalories (Ancillary)**

CHARACTERISTICS OF ITEM:

- APPEARANCE:** Dehydrated; homogenous mixture of cocoa brown, fine, free flowing powder. Rehydrated; cloudy, reddish-brown liquid.
- ODOR:** Sweet, mild tea aroma.
- FLAVOR:** Tea / lemon, sweet-tart.
- TEXTURE:** Free flowing, fine powder; lumps that occur can be broken apart by light, finger pressure.

DEFECTS LIKELY TO OCCUR:

- APPEARANCE:** Dehydrated; lumpy or caked, not free flowing. Rehydrated; coagulated, excessive sediment significantly affecting aesthetic appearance or flavor.
- ODOR:** Burnt or scorched.
- FLAVOR:** Oxidized or any other flavor not typical of the type of beverage.

UNIQUE EXAMINATION / TEST PROCEDURE: Prepare beverage in accordance with package instructions. Product should dissolve completely within approximately two minutes.

SPECIAL NOTES: In rehydrated product, if slight sedimentation is observed but the odor and flavor are normal, do not score the sedimentation as a defect during surveillance inspection; make note of it in the narrative for future use. Coagulation may occur if the product has had temperature abuse.

Coagulation result in clumps of granules that do not readily dissolve when product is reconstituted and tend to float in suspension