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Item: **Hoppin' John (Seasoned Black Eye Peas) (HOP) MONOGRAPH NO: 1B10**

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Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **163.5 kcals** Component Classification: **Primary**

Estimated Shelf Life: **36 months at 80 degrees F, 6 months at 100 degrees F**

Item Characteristics

Appearance: Shall be cooked black eye peas in a sauce consisting of chopped cooked bacon, diced green bell peppers, diced celery, diced onion, and seasonings. The sauce shall be smooth, glossy, golden brown/green (from the veggies) and moderately thick.

Odor: Shall have an odor of cooked black eye peas, slightly smoky bacon, and green bell pepper with savory seasoning notes.

Flavor: Shall have a flavor of cooked black eye peas, slightly smoky bacon, green bell pepper, and onion in a mildly spiced savory seasoned sauce.

Texture: Beans shall have a slightly firm, tender, mealy bean texture. Bacon shall have a slight tender chew/bite. The vegetables shall be tender and moist. The sauce shall be smooth and moderately thick.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Mushy, darkened/scorched, thickened sauce or thinned out sauce with evidence of syneresis, development of pasty appearance

Odor: Sour, bitter, intensified green bell pepper odor, excessive smokiness, scorched

Flavor: Sour, bitter (intensified green bell pepper), low flavor, metallic, increased red spice note or loss of spice heat, scorched

Texture: Mushy, softened black eye peas, dried out/pasty or thinned sauce with evidence of syneresis, mushy vegetables

Unique Examination/Test Procedures