

Item: **Vegetarian Chili**

Document: **PCR-V-009; Vegetarian Chili, Packaged in a Polymeric Tray, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **120**                      Component Classification: **Primary**

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

**Item Characteristics**

General: uniform mixture of black beans and kidney beans in a chili sauce.  
Black beans: cooked bean color.  
Appearance: Kidney beans: light red class kidney beans, cooked bean color.  
Sauce: opaque, tomato-based chili sauce, red to reddish-brown color with pieces of tomato and flecks of spices.  
Odor: Cooked beans, tomato-based chili sauce.  
Flavor: Cooked beans, tomato-based chili sauce, mild to medium heat.  
Texture: Beans: slightly soft to slightly firm.  
Sauce: moderately thick.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: Darkening of sauce and beans.  
Odor: Loss of spiciness, oxidized.  
Flavor: Loss of spiciness, bitterness, oxidized.  
Texture: Beans: mushy or hard.  
Sauce: overly thin or overly thick.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

NA

**Special Notes**

NA