

Item: **Tomato Paste**

Document: **US Standards for Grades**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **35 kcal per oz** Component Classification: **Secondary**

Estimated Shelf Life: **36 months at 80°F; 6 months at 100°F**

**Item Characteristics**

Appearance: Thick tomato paste with a bright, typical, red tomato paste color. May contain visual spices.

Odor: Characteristic tomato paste odor and inclusive of any optional ingredient (spices) which may have been added.

Flavor: Characteristic heat processed tomato paste flavor and inclusive of any optional ingredient (spices) which may have been added. Slightly salty, metallic, or acidic flavor.

Texture: Thick tomato paste.

**Possible Deteriorative Changes**

Appearance: May darken and/or separate.

Odor: Excessively metallic, acidic or other objectionable odors.

Flavor: May become excessively metallic, acidic, sour, bitter or other objectionable flavors.

Texture: Not typical of thick tomato paste, i.e. watery or dry.

**Unique Examination/Test Procedures**

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