

Item: **Spaghetti with Meatballs in Sauce**

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Document: **PCR-S-012 Spaghetti with Meatballs in Sauce, Packaged in a Polymeric Tray, Shelf Stable**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **257**

Component Classification: **Primary**

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

Item Characteristics

Appearance: Spaghetti: Cooked, enriched thin spaghetti of a solid cylindrical shape, approximately 2.0 inches in length and an off white to light tan color.
Meatballs: Of uniform size and shape with a cooked meatball color.
Sauce: Opaque medium red to dark red color.

Odor: Cooked meatballs in a moderately Italian seasoned tomato sauce with background notes of Parmesan cheese.

Flavor: Cooked meatballs in a moderately Italian seasoned tomato sauce with background notes of Parmesan cheese.

Texture: Spaghetti: Slightly soft to slightly firm and not pasty.
Meatballs: Moist and tender.
Sauce: Smooth and moderately thick.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Darkening of sauce, darkening of meatballs, pasta may appear pasty.

Odor: May exhibit a slight loss of spice aroma, scorched, heat stressed, browned.

Flavor: Meatballs may become slightly bland, slight loss of spice flavor, slight bitter tomato flavor, scorched cheese.

Texture: Spaghetti may become softer or pasty. Meatballs may become dry, sauce may thicken and not be free flowing or smooth.

Unique Examination/Test Procedures

Special Notes

Serving Size of 1 cup each, each serving shall include 2 meatballs.