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Item: **Tea, Instant, Regular, Sweetened with non-nutritive sweeteners, Lemon (Type I, Style C, Flavor 2)**

Document: **CID A-A-20183 Tea, Instant and PKG&QAP**

Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **10** Component Classification: **Ancillary**

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

### Item Characteristics

Appearance: Dry product: uniform distribution of ingredients.  
Rehydrated product: color of light brown tea and sediment free.

Odor: Rehydrated product: mild tea, moderate lemon, sweet.

Flavor: Rehydrated product: instant tea, sweetened with non-nutritive sweeteners, lemon.

Texture: Dry product: free flowing.

### Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Clumping and darkening of powder; darkening of liquid, cloudy, un-rehydrated granules and excessive sedimentation.

Odor: Low to no tea odor, high perfume, musty, tart, bitter, burnt.

Flavor: Decreased tea/lemon/sweetness, sour, bitter, burnt.

Texture: Powder clumped and not free flowing; in liquid un-dissolved powder or excessive sediment.

### Unique Examination/Test Procedures

NA

### Special Notes

In the 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. Severe clumping and darkening may occur if the product has had excessive heat storage.