

### **Product Specification**

### Imported Parmesan Cheese Blend Grated

- I. Brand: Kitchen Favorites
- II. Ingredients: Parmesan Cheese: (Pasteurized Part-Skim Cow's Milk, Cheese Cultures, Salt, Enzymes), Imitation Parmesan Cheese: (Modified Food Starch, Cellulose, Soy Oil, Water, Palm Oil, Casein, Natural Flavoring, Salt, Sodium Caseinate, Sodium Phosphate, Lactic Acid, Sorbic Acid, Sodium Alginate, Artificial Color), Powdered Cellulose Added To Prevent Caking, Potassium Sorbate Added To Protect Flavor.

### III. Pack Size:

Item 006801: 4-5lb bags: Box dimensions: L: 17.00 x W: 10.875 x H: 5.875, Cube: .6285, Ti: 9, Hi: 11

IV. Allergen: Contains Milk

### V. <u>Physical Properties:</u>

- a. Color: Light straw to straw
- b. Flavor: Slightly nutty, pleasant, clean
- c. Texture: Somewhat hard, fine, granular, cheese passes through a 0.187 grating screen

#### VI. Analytical Characteristics:

- a. Butterfat (dry basis): 28% Min
- b. Moisture: 32% Max
- c. Salt: 2.0% 4.5%

### VII. <u>Microbiological Characteristics:</u>

- a. Listeria-monocytogenes: Negative 25/g
- b. Salmonella: Negative 25/g
- c. Staphylococci coag. Positive: <10 CFU/g
- d. E. Coli:: < 10 CFU/g
- e. Coliform:: < 10 CFU/g
- f. Yeast and Mold: < 1000 CFU/g
- VIII. Lot Code Interpretation: The lot code is used in the event of a product recall and serves all traceability purposes.
  - 1A PACK DATE 05 12 15
  - 1AN PACK DATE 05 12 15
  - 1 = Production line 1
  - A = Internal code day shift production

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## CHEESE MERCHANTS PREMIUM QUALITY CHEESES

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- N = Internal code night shift production
- PACK DATE: Date cheese was packed on
- IX. Shelf-Life: 90 days from product pack date if stored properly.
- X. <u>Storage/Shipping:</u> Product may be stored/ shipped in temperatures between 33-55 degrees Fahrenheit for periods NOT TO EXCEED 72 hours. For storage/shipping of 72 hours or more, product must be refrigerated between 33-45 degrees Fahrenheit. Any deviations from these guidelines may affect the product quality/integrity. CMA is not responsible for product that is not stored/shipped within the specified guidelines as stated above.
- XI. Country of Origin: Argentina and USA
- XII. Primary Packaging: Cheese is packed in a coextruded film with Nylon skin and a PE based sealant. These materials comply with the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act, as amended, for the packaging of food. All bags are nitrogen flushed and configured into a corrugated box.
- XIII. <u>rBST / rBGH Statement:</u> All of our imported cheese products are guaranteed to be recombinant bovine growth hormone (also known as rBGH or rBST) free.
- XIV. <u>GMO Statement:</u> All products produced by Cheese Merchants of America are made without ingredients containing "GMO's". However, since Cheese Merchants of America does not test finished products for the presence of GMO's these products cannot be labeled as or declared as "GMO Free".
- XV. <u>Gluten Statement:</u> All products produced by Cheese Merchants of America are made without ingredients containing "Gluten". However, since Cheese Merchants of America does not test finished products for the presence of gluten, these products cannot be labeled as or declared as "Gluten Free".
- XVI. Enzyme Statement: Microbial enzymes
- XVII. Kosher Statement: NON-Kosher
- XVIII. Organic Statement: NON-Organic

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### XIX. <u>Nutritional Information:</u>

Nutrition Facts Serving size: 5g Servings Per Container Varies	
Calories: 20	Calories from Fat 15
	% Daily value
Total Fat 1g	1%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 5mg	2%
Sodium 90mg	4%
Total Carbohydrate 0g	0%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 0g	
Protein 0g	
Vitamin A 2%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 6%	Iron 2%
Percent daily value is based on A 2,000 Calorie diet.	

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