CHEESE MERCHANTS
PREMIUM QUALITY CHEESES

Product Specification

Mild Cheddar Cheese

I. **Ingredients:** Cheddar Cheese: (Pasteurized Milk, Cheese Culture, Salt, Enzymes), Color added. (Annatto).

II. **Label:** Cheese Crafters, Item Number 00827

III. **Packaging:** 4-5lb bags, Box dimensions: L: 11.19" x W: 8.94" x H: 14.63", Cube: .919, Ti: 17, Hi: 5, **UPC**: 6 64857 12250 8, **GTIN**: 00 6 64857 12550 8

IV. **Allergen:** Contains Milk

V. **Physical Properties:**

A. Color: Uniform orange color, 7-8 on NCI color guide

B. Flavor: Clean cheese flavor with no off flavors

C. Texture: Curdy to smooth, some mechanical openness permitted, ¾" x ¾" x ¾" Cubed

VI. **Analytical Characteristics:**

A. Butterfat (dry basis): 50-53%

B. Moisture: 36-39%

C. pH: 5.00-5.40

D. Salt %: 1.10 – 2.00

VII. **Microbiological Characteristics:**

A. Listeria-monocytogenes: Negative 25/g

B. Salmonella: Negative 25

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. The pack date is in a Julian code format.

- *Line 1: (DDD Y)= Julian Date + Y= Last Digit of current year*
- *Line 2: (W 44) = Line number + (HH:MM) = Time in Military format*

IX. **Shelf-Life:** 120 days from product pack date if stored properly.

X. **Storage/Shipping:** 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:** USA

XII. **Primary Packaging:** Cheese is packed in a laminated VFFS film constructed with an oriented nylon sheet and an EVOH barrier 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. **rBST / rBGH Statement:** Our cheese products are guaranteed to be recombinant bovine growth hormone (also known as rBGH or rBST) free.

XIV. **GMO Statement:** All products produced by Cheese Merchants of America are made without ingredients containing "GMOs". However, since Cheese Merchants of America does not test finished products for the presence of GMOs these products cannot be labeled as or declared as "GMO Free".

XV. **Gluten Statement:** Naturally gluten free, as defined by the USA FDA.

XVI. **Enzyme Statement:** Microbial enzymes

XVII. **Kosher Statement:** NON-Kosher

XVIII. **Organic Statement:** NON-Organic

XIX. **Halal Statement:** NON-Halal Certified

XX. **SDS Statement:** Cheese Merchants of America does not provide SDS sheets. Cheese products are not considered hazardous and do NOT require SDS sheets.

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XXI. Nutrition Facts per serving:

NUTRITION FACTS		
75 servings per container		
Serving Size	4 cubes (30g)	
Amount per serving		
Calories	**120**	
		% Daily Value*
Total Fat	10.0g	13%
Saturated Fat	6.0g	30%
Trans Fat	0g	
Cholesterol	30mg	10%
Sodium	190mg	8%
Total Carbohydrates	<1	0%
Dietary Fiber	0g	0%
Total Sugars	0g	
Includes 0g added sugar		0%
Protein	7g	
Vitamin D	0mcg	0%
Calcium	210mg	20%
Iron	0mg	0%
Potassium	30mg	1%

*The Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a dailly diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

Nutritional Infor per 100g:

NUTRITION FACTS (Unrounded per 100 gram)		
75 servings per container		
Serving Size	4 cubes (30g)	
Amount per serving		
Calories	**403.59**	
Total Fat	32.87g	
Saturated Fat	18.95g	
Trans Fat	1.09g	
Cholesterol	98.59mg	
Sodium	638.74mg	
Total Carbohydrates	2.11g	
Dietary Fiber	0.09g	
Total Sugars	0.12g	
Includes 0.00g added sugar		
Protein	24.84g	
Vitamin D	0.60mcg	
Calcium	711.78mg	
Iron	0.32mg	
Potassium	95.31mg	

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Effective Date: 02/12/20
Manufacturing Location: 1301 Schiferl Road, Bartlett, IL 60103