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4/5# Sharp Cheddar Cheese Finely Shredded

- I. **Description:** Sharp Cheddar Cheese is made from “heat shocked” milk, from cows not treated with the artificial growth hormone rBST. Cultures, enzymes, and annatto (color) are added. The curds produced undergo a cheddaring and milling process, are salted, and pressed into 42-pound blocks. Cheese that is made from heat shocked milk requires aging for a minimum of 60 days. Sharp cheddar cheese is aged a minimum of 270 days. After aging the cheese is graded, shredded, potato starch is added to prevent caking, and natamycin (natural mold inhibitor) is added to retard mold growth, and packaged. This process meets legal requirements as set forth in 21 CFR 133.113(a)(1).
- II. **Specifications:**
- Appearance:** Sharp Cheddar Cheese shall have an attractive color and appearance; practically free from excessive amounts of potato starch. Small amounts of fine granulated cheese may be found. Absolutely no extraneous matter of any type or amount permitted.
- Body and Texture:** The cheese shall be firm, appear smooth, compact, close and slightly flexible. May have few mechanical openings if not large and connecting. Shall be free from gas holes and large slits - cracks.
- II. **Flavor and Aroma:** A characteristic cheddar flavor and aroma. Shall be free from any undesirable flavors and odors.
- III. **Nutrition:**
- Serving Size:** 28g (1/4 cup)
- | <u>Nutrients</u> | <u>Per Serving</u> | <u>Per 100g</u> |
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| Calories (KCAL) | 117.43 | 419.38 |
| Total Fat (G) | 9.61 | 34.33 |
| Saturated Fat (G) | 6.01 | 21.45 |
| Trans Fatty Acid (G) | 0.29 | 1.03 |
| Cholesterol (MG) | 29.62 | 105.79 |
| Sodium (MG) | 197.49 | 704.13 |
| Carbohydrates (G) | 1.46 | 5.21 |
| Dietary Fiber (G) | 0 | 0.01 |
| Total Sugars (G) | 0.08 | 0.29 |
| Protein (G) | 6.26 | 22.35 |
| Vitamin D (MCG) | 0 | 0 |
| Calcium (MG) | 171.31 | 611.83 |
| Iron (MG) | 0 | 0 |
| Potassium (MG) | 26.11 | 93.24 |
- IV. **Ingredients:** Cultured Milk, Salt, Enzymes, Annatto (color), Potato Starch (added to prevent caking), Natamycin (natural mold inhibitor).
- V. **Allergens: CONTAINS:** Milk.
- VI. **Target Customer:** Retail sales, food service, food processing. Intended Use: Direct consumption, food ingredient.