PRE-PORTIONING AND MICROWAVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAND O LAKES® FULLY PREPARED MACARONI AND CHEESE

STAFF – How to portion and store:

For heating  Thaw--Portion--Chill--Heat
1. **Thaw** frozen macaroni and cheese in refrigerator for 24 hours.
   a. Thawed macaroni and cheese can remain in refrigerated storage for up to 2 days.
2. **Portion** thawed macaroni and cheese into microwave-safe container.
   a. Level #12 scoop = 3oz portion = 1mma, 1/2oz eq grain
   b. Level #6 scoop = 6oz portion = 2 mma, 1oz eq grain
3. **Cover** container with microwave-safe lid.
4. **Store** refrigerated until ready to heat and serve.
   
   CCP: Maintain cold food at 41°F or below

For re-heating  Thaw--Heat--Portion--Chill--Re-heat
1. **Thaw** frozen macaroni and cheese in refrigerator for 24 hours.
   a. Thawed macaroni and cheese can remain in refrigerated storage for up to 2 days.
2. **Heat** macaroni and cheese using desired method until product reaches 165°F.
3. Carefully **portion** heated macaroni and cheese into microwave-safe container.
   a. Level #12 scoop = 3oz portion = 1mma, 1/2oz eq grain
   b. Level #6 scoop = 6oz portion = 2 mma, 1oz eq grain
4. **Cover** container with microwave-safe lid.
5. **Store** refrigerated until ready to re-heat and serve.
   
   CCP: Chill from 140°F to 70°F within 2 hours and from 70°F to 41°F within an additional 4 hours
   CCP: Maintain cold food at 41°F or below

CUSTOMER - How to heat and serve:

**Microwave:**
*Pre-portioned mac & cheese can remain refrigerated up to 24 hours*
2. Microwave on high 2-3 minutes. Remove cover and stir.
3. Continue heating, uncovered, for an additional 1-2 minutes until product reaches 165°F.
4. Let stand 1 minute prior to serving. Stir prior to serving. **Warning: CONTENTS WILL BE HOT.**

**Stovetop:**
1. Empty contents of container into small sauce pan.
2. Heat macaroni and cheese on medium-low heat, stirring often.
3. Heat until product reaches 165°F. Stir prior to serving. **Warning: CONTENTS WILL BE HOT.**