LIQUID CARAMEL COLOR LOT CODING SYSTEM

The Liquid Caramel Color Lot coding system consists of the lot code, manufacturing (MFG) date, and pack code as illustrated by the following:

**KH145005**
**MFG DATE 07-31-19**

A. The Lot Code and Pack Code contains the following information:

- **K** = Year
- **H** = Month
- **145** = Batch
- **005** = Pack

**Year:** The first letter of the code indicates the year of manufacture. ("H" indicates 2017, "J" indicates 2018, "K" indicates 2019, "L" indicates 2020, "M" indicates 2021, "N" indicates 2022, "P" indicates 2023, and "R" indicates 2024). To prevent confusion, I O Q V X and Y are not used.

**Month:** The second letter of the code indicates the month of manufacture according to the following code: January-E, February-R, March-N, April-A, May-T, June-D, July-H, August-K, September-S, October-F, November-J, and December-M.

**Batch:** The next three numerical digits indicate the sequential position of the batch during the month’s production relative to the other batches of Caramel Color as identified in quality assurance and inventory control records.

**Pack:** The last three digits indicate the net packing volume according to the following code: 004=carton of 4x1-gallon, 005=5-gallon pail, 055=55-gallon drum, 260=260-gallon tote, 270=270-gallon tote, 300=300-gallon tote, 330=330-gallon tote.

B. The MFG Date is the date the Liquid Caramel Color was manufactured in format mm-dd-yy, where mm is the month, dd is the day, and yy is the year. Unless printed otherwise by special request.

Thus, the illustration above indicates the 145th batch of Caramel Color manufactured during July 2019, and packaged in 5-gallon pails.