## **Beef and Barley Soup**

| Ingredients                         | Measure   | Nutrition per   | Nutrition per Serving |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
|                                     | 24 - 8 oz   |                 |                       |  |
| Beef round, cut into cubes          | 2 lb  | Calories        | 140                   |  |
| Chopped onions                      | 1½ lb (3½ cups)   | Total Fat g     | 3                     |  |
| Chopped carrots                     | 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> lb (3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cups) | Saturated Fat g | 1                     |  |
| Chopped celery                      | 1 lb (3½ cups)  | Cholesterol mg  | 15                    |  |
| Sliced fresh mushrooms              | 6 oz (2 cups)   | Sodium mg       | 250                   |  |
| Pearl barley                        | 12 oz (1½ cups)   | Carbohydrate g  | 18                    |  |
| Water                               | 1½ gallons  | Fiber g         | 3                     |  |
| Med-Diet® Low Sodium Beef Soup Base | 5 oz (¾ cup)  | Sugar g         | 2                     |  |
| Bay leaf                            | 1   | Protein g       | 11                    |  |
| Ground black pepper                 | to taste  |                 |                       |  |

Yield: about 24 (8 oz) servings

## **Preparation**

- 1. In stockpot, cook beef, stirring frequently, until browned. Transfer to plate. Add onions, carrots, celery and mushrooms; sauté until softened.
- 2. Add barley to stockpot; cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes or until barley is lightly toasted.
- 3. Add water and soup base to stockpot; whisk until blended.
- 4. Return beef to stockpot. Add bay leaf; cover pot. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, 40 minutes or until barley is softened and soup is 165°F.
- 5. Season soup with pepper. Remove bay leaf before serving.

## **Product Information**

| Product                             | Case Pack | Yield  | <b>Product Code</b> |
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| Med-Diet® Low Sodium Beef Soup Base | 6 – 16 oz | 42 gal | 2192474             |