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Product Specification

20 - 40mm Cauliflower Floret

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PACK SIZE

1 x 10kg

ORIGIN:

Belgium / China / France / Poland

GENERAL

The product shall be prepared from fresh sound raw material that is free from all toxic residues and taints. The final product shall comply with all current U.K. and E.C. Food Legislation.

INGREDIENTS

Cauliflower Florets 100% Declare as: Cauliflower
(*Brassica oleracea* var. *botrytis* L.)

PROCESSING

Cauliflower curd is harvested by hand and transferred to floretting stations or directly to the factory to be floretted. Each load is sampled and assessed for foreign material and physical defects. The load is then cleaned, blanched, frozen and filled into bulk palletainers. The frozen florets are sampled and assessed against specification. The palletainers are then labelled and transferred to the cold store, where they are stored at -23°C until required for packing.

PACKING

During packing, the cauliflower is inspected before weighing and filling into blue poly lined cartons. The cartons are Best Before and Production date coded, checkweighed and metal detected, palletised and stretch wrapped before being returned to store at -23°C to await despatch to the UK at -18°C.

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QUALITY CONTROL Checks are carried out on the following: -

Processing: -	Raw material Final Product Temperature
Packing: -	Metal detection Check weighing Final product physical defect levels Organolepsis Case quantity Case sealing Case coding and print quality

DEFECT TOLERANCES Product shall be checked at least hourly against the following tolerances for defects: -**Per 1000g**

Clumps	1
Foreign Matter	Nil
E.V.M. & Whole Stalk	8
Major Blemish	10% w/w
Minor Blemish	15% w/w
Colour Variants	15% w/w
Loose/ricey	30% w/w
Misshapes	20% w/w
Size	20% w/w
Dust	5% w/w

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS**Clumps**

These are two or more florets fused together by freezing or where a number of broken pieces or dust is fused together to give a clump larger than 25g.

Foreign Material

This includes any material not derived from the cauliflower plant or defined as EVM, such as insects, pieces of insects, wood, glass, stones, metal, snails, slugs or any other material which will render the product unacceptable.

Extraneous Vegetable Matter (EVM) and Whole Stalk

This includes any harmless vegetable material other than the cauliflower florets, such as pieces of cauliflower leaves (see definition of misshapes where the presence of immature leaves may be permitted) and attached or unattached core where these pieces are greater than 25mm in any dimension.

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Major Blemish

A floret that is defective to a major degree is one that bears pronounced blemishes caused by disease or insects or other factors to the extent that the affected area or areas in aggregate total is greater than 6mm diameter.

Minor Blemish

A floret that is defective to a minor degree is one that bears blemishes caused by disease or insects or other factors to the extent that the affected area or areas in aggregate total is greater than 2mm and less than 6mm diameter. Blemishes of less than 2mm may be ignored.

Colour Variants

Colour variants are florets which have significant discolourations of green, pink, distinct yellow or grey to the floret surface or which have significant discolourations of green, purple or grey to the stalk. They are also florets which are significantly different in colour from the bulk of the sample.

Loose/ricey

These are individual florets which either have a loose open flower-like structure or a ricey texture.

Misshapes

These are florets which, for the following reasons, do not have the configuration of a well trimmed individual floret:

- i) Florets severely damaged by mechanical or other agencies to the extent that an area greater than one third of the floret missing.
- ii) Florets with a ragged stalk end or where the stalk end is heeled. This also includes florets with a small light green leaf attached, which is growing beyond the curd.

Note: An immature leaf growing closely to the floret but not beyond it is not considered to be a defect.

- iii) Florets with long stalks which when measured from the base of the head or branching are greater than the depth of the head.

Size

Oversize this includes florets that are greater than 45mm in the smallest dimension. Undersize this includes florets that are less than 15mm in the largest dimension subject to a maximum of 10%.

Dust

Pieces of cauliflower florets, stalk or leaf that are smaller than 6mm.

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ORGANOLEPSIS**COLOUR**

Bright, white or creamy white florets. There may be very slight non-uniformity in colour amongst florets and/or amongst the stalks.

FLAVOUR

Full characteristic slightly sweet cauliflower flavour.

TEXTURE

Tender, firm florets and stalk, yielding to the bite.



Average Sample

MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
T V C @ 30°C	1 x 10 ⁵	5 x 10 ⁵
Total Coliforms	1 x 10 ²	1 x 10 ³
E. coli	10/g	20/g
Yeasts	1 x 10 ³	2 x 10 ³
Moulds	1 x 10 ²	1.5 x 10 ³
Staph aureus	10/g	1 x 10 ²
Salmonella	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g
Listeria monocytogenes	Absent in 25g	1 x 10 ²

ANALYTICAL

Product shall be blanched to give a trace positive peroxidase reaction (guaiacol test) between 60 and 90 seconds. **WEIGHT CONTROL** The product shall be packed to minimum weight.

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METAL DETECTION

All cartons shall be passed through a metal detector. The system shall be tested at least hourly using 3.5mm ferrous and non-ferrous, 4.5mm stainless steel test pieces.

CODING

Best Before End shall be twenty four months following the month of packing e.g. if packed in May 2009 then BEST BEFORE END MAY 2011.

Production / Traceability Code Four figure International date code (Year number, Day number) plus factory identification code and shift code e.g. product packed 1 January 2009 = **9001**.

CARTON LINERS

Dark blue food grade polythene liner of a **minimum** thickness of 45µm.

CARTONS

Corrugated fibreboard of glued construction, no metal staples to be used. Shall be sealed using dark blue adhesive tape.

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NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

This data conforms to the requirements of EC Council Directive 90/496/EEC

100g of uncooked cauliflower typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	27	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Energy - kJ	115	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Moisture	90.8g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Carbohydrate	2.8g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
- as sugars	2.0g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
- as starch	0.7g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Fat	0.5g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
- as saturates	0.1g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	0.1g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	0.3g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Protein	2.9g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Fibre	1.4g	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Sodium	16mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Cholesterol	0.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Vitamin A	8µg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Vitamin B6	0.19mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Vitamin B12	0.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Vitamin C	49mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Vitamin D	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Vitamin E	0.22mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Thiamin	0.05mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Riboflavin	0.05mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Niacin	0.5mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Folic Acid	26µg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Biotin	1.5µg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Pantothenic Acid	0.6mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Calcium	26mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Phosphorus	47mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Iron	0.5mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Magnesium	11mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Zinc	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Iodine	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition
Potassium	670mg	McCance & Widdowson 5 th Edition

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GMO DECLARATION

Does the product, or any of its ingredients contain any genetically modified material (whether viable or not)? YES / NO

Is the product or any of its ingredients not substantially equivalent as a consequence of the use of genetic modification? YES / NO

Is the product or any of its ingredients produced from, but not containing any genetically modified material? YES / NO

Have genetically modified organisms been used as processing aids or additives used in connection with the production of the food or any of its ingredients? YES / NO

Have genetically modified organisms been used to produce processing aids or additives but where such genetically modified organisms are not present in the processing aid as used in connection with the production of the food or any of its ingredients? YES / NO

Name: Alan Gosling Job Title: Technical Consultant

Signature:  Date: 7th December 2009

IRRADIATION POLICY

I confirm that the product supplied by Foodnet Limited under this specification has not undergone any irradiation treatment or process. I further confirm that no ingredient or processing aid used in conjunction with this product has undergone irradiation treatment.

Name: Alan Gosling Job Title: Technical Consultant

Signature:  Date: 7th December 2009

Where any answer is YES, see details below.

Product or Material	Details of Genetic Modification

I confirm I have made any necessary enquiries and obtained relevant written assurances from suppliers to verify the accuracy of the details provided above. I confirm the above data supplied is correct and can be used without reservation to advise customers.

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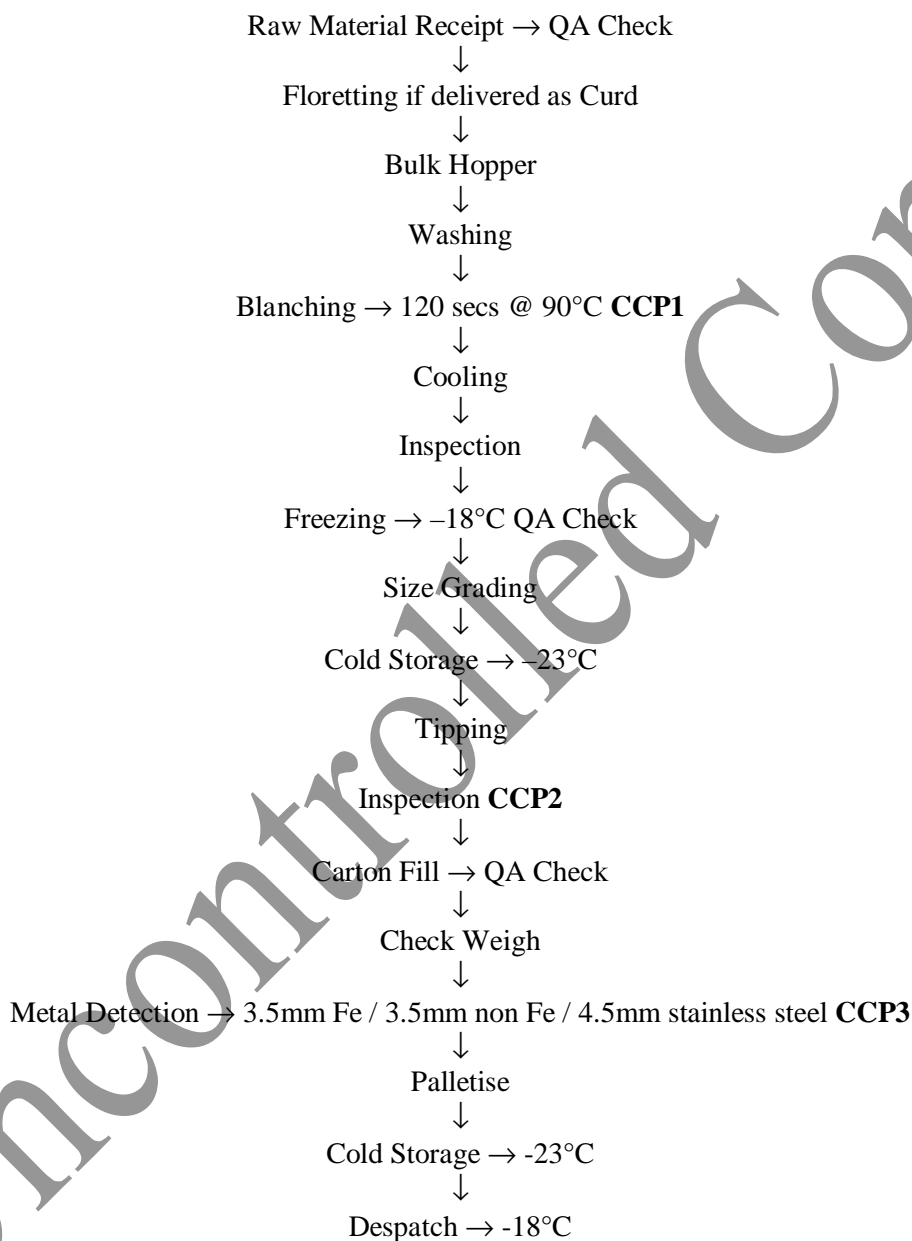
FOOD INTOLERANCE

Food Intolerance Data		
Does the material supplied contain any of the following? (NO) Absent, (YES) Present		
Allergen	NO / YES	Reason for presence if YES
Milk & Milk Derivatives	NO	
Egg & Egg Derivatives	NO	
Animal Products (*)	NO	
Fish/Shellfish/Crustaceans/Molluscs	NO	
Cereals (**)	NO	
Gluten	NO	
Yeast/Yeast Extract	NO	
Soya/Soya Derivatives	NO	
Fruit & Fruit Derivatives	NO	
Beef & Beef Products	NO	
Pork & Pork Products	NO	
Lamb & Lamb Products	NO	
Poultry & Poultry Products	NO	
Legumes	NO	
Peanuts	NO	
Sulphite >10ppm	NO	
MSG	NO	
BHA / BHT	NO	
Benzoates	NO	
Glutamates	NO	
Azo & Coal Tar Dyes	NO	
Added Colour	NO	
Added Flavour	NO	
Preservatives	NO	
Antioxidants	NO	
Added Salt	NO	
Nuts/Nut Oils	NO	
Caffeine	NO	
Sesame Products	NO	
Garlic	NO	
Poppy Seeds	NO	
Mustard	NO	
Celery/Celariac	NO	
Lupins	NO	
*Including any product derived from slaughtered animals, e.g. gelatine, rennet		
**Including wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, etc.		
Is the material suitable for:		
Vegetarians?	Y / N	
Vegans?	Y / N	
Kosher?	Y / N	
Halal?	Y / N	
Organic?	Y / N	

FOOD ADDITIVES

E. Number	Name	In Which Ingredient	Function in Ingredient	Function in Final Product	% In Final Product
None					

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PROCESS INFORMATION**PROCESS FLOW CHART****CAULIFLOWER FLORETS****CRITICAL CONTROL POINTS:**

to include time / temperature / frequency / target and sensitivity of all process steps.

CCP Number	Process Step	Controls in place
CCP1	Effective blanching to minimise microbiological loading. Half hourly checks.	Continuous chart recoding of temperature and guaiacol test for adequate blanching.
CCP2	Inspection of the product. Continuous control	To remove foreign material via manual inspection
CCP3	Metal detector efficiency. Hourly checks.	Testing of detector using certified test pieces of 3.5mm Ferrous and non-Ferrous, 4.5mm stainless steel.

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COSHH Data For Frozen Vegetables

Treat as you would any frozen material i.e. if engaged in prolonged handling of the vegetables wear gloves.

Care should be used when lifting full cases of frozen vegetables.

There are no other perceived COSHH implications regarding the use of frozen vegetables.

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Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:-

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Signature:



Date: 7th December 2009

Signed on behalf of the Customer:-

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