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Product Specification

Cherries Black Sweet Pitted

Date: 1st May 2017

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PACK SIZE

1 x 10kg

ORIGIN:

Turkey / Bulgaria

GENERAL

The product shall be prepared from fresh sound raw material that is free from all toxic residues and taints and shall comply with all current UK/EU Food Legislation. The product is intended to be used as ingredient that is further processed and heat-treated before final consumption.

INGREDIENTS

Sweet Cherry 100%

Declare as: Sweet Cherry
(*Prunus avium*)

PROCESSING

Cherries are harvested by hand and delivered fresh to the factory, each load is quality assurance sampled for foreign material and physical defects. The cherries are washed, dried and de-stalked, pitted, inspected and frozen to -18°C or below.

PACKING

During packing the cherries are inspected before weighing and filling into blue poly lined cartons. The cartons are Best Before and Production date coded, check weighed, 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**Per 1kg**

Clumps	3
Foreign Material	Nil
Maggots	0
EVM	0
Rotten	3
Damaged	5%w/w
Blemish	10%w/w
Discoloured	3%w/w
Pits (Loose)	0
Pit Fragments	0.2% by count
pH	3.7 – 4.6
Brix	17 - 22

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS**Clumps**

This is where three or more cherries are welded together and cannot be separated without damaging the cherries. The number of clumps shall be checked against the tolerance above.

Foreign Material

This includes any material other than that derived from the cherry plant or defined as EVM, such as insects, pieces of insects, wood, glass, stones, metal, paint, grease, oil, foreign vegetable material or any other material which would render the product unacceptable.

Maggots

These are any whole or parts of maggots.

EVM

These are large pieces of vegetable material from the cherry plant. This includes any pieces of stalk greater than 10mm in length.

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Rotten

These are cherries that exhibit any discolouration caused by rotting.

Damaged

Any cherries with more than 25% of the cherry missing..

Blemished

These are cherries exhibiting noticeable blemishes greater than 5 square mm.

Discoloured

These are cherries that are under-coloured and do not possess at least a red – dark red colour, the over-all colour of the cherries is red – dark red.

Pits

These are whole loose cherry stones.

Pit Fragments

These are parts of the cherry stone inside the cherry.

The below minimum numbers of samples should be inspected and average result to be out-of-spec.

Quantity Delivered (Kg)	Minimum samples to be taken (1Kg of product per each item)		
	10Kg Boxes	20Kg Bags	25Kg Bags
<1000	4	2	2
<2000	8	5	4
<5000	10	7	5
<10000	15	10	8
≤27000	20	15	12

ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)**COLOUR**

Bright uniform dark red as expected from the variety.

FLAVOUR

Characteristic of mature ripe cherries.

TEXTURE

Cherries shall be firm but tender, and shall have substantially retained their shape.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
T V C @ 30°C	5×10^4	5×10^5
Total Coliforms	5×10^2	1×10^3
E. coli	Nil	1×10^2
Yeast	1×10^3	1×10^4
Mould	1×10^2	1×10^4
Listeria mono	Absent in 25g	1×10^2
Salmonella	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g

ANALYTICAL

N/A – Un-blanching product

WEIGHT CONTROL

The product shall be packed to minimum weight.

METAL DETECTION

All cartons shall be passed through a metal detector. The system shall be tested at least every 2 hours using ferrous, non-ferrous and stainless steel test pieces.

BEST BEFORE DATE

The product shall be twenty four months following the month of packing e.g. if packed in May 2017 then BEST BEFORE END MAY 2019. Minimum BB date on delivery: 3 months.

TRACEABILITY INFO

Production date or Lot number printed on the label as well as customer order number and/or delivery date.

**STORAGE
CONDITIONS**

Keep frozen at - 18°C at all times.

CARTON LINERS
(1 x 10kg Pack size)Blue food grade polythene liner of a **minimum** thickness of 30µm.**CARTONS**
(1 x 10kg Pack size)

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

SACKS
(1 x 20kg Pack size)Blue food grade polythene sack of a **minimum** thickness of 110µm.

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NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

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

100g of uncooked cherries typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	48	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Energy - kJ	203	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Moisture	82.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Carbohydrate	11.5g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as sugars	11.5g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as starch	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fat	0.6g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as saturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Protein	0.9g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fibre	0.9g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Sodium	1mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin A	4.µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B ₆	0.05mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B ₁₂	0.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin C	11mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin D	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin E	0.13mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Thiamin	0.03mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Riboflavin	0.03mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Niacin	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Folic Acid	5µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Biotin	0.4µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Pantothenic Acid	0.26mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Calcium	13mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Phosphorus	21mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iron	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Magnesium	10mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Zinc	0.1mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iodine	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Potassium	210mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 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: Gianluca Oberto


Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: Date: 1st May 2017**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: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: Date: 1st May 2017

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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/Crustations/Molluscs	NO	
Cereals (**)	NO	
Gluten	NO	
Yeast/Yeast Extract	NO	
Soya/Soya Derivatives	NO	
Fruit & Fruit Derivatives	YES	Cherry 100%
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 Halal? Y / N (Not Certified) Organic? Y / N Vegans? Y / N Kosher? Y / N (Not Certified)		
<u>Please be aware the manufacturing sites we supply this item from may handle allergens in production. Procedures are in place to prevent cross-contamination.</u>		

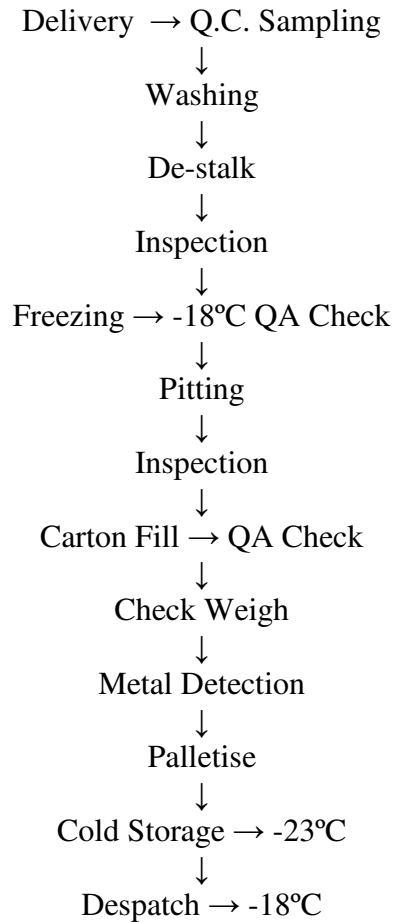
FOOD ADDITIVES

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***

*Note: this is a generic flow chart which does not refer to any specific production site.

CHERRIES

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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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CUSTOMER, AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY
OTHER PARTY.**

Please check our website (www.foodnet.ltd.uk) for updates on this spec.

Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:-

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 1st May 2017

Signed on behalf of the Customer:-

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date:

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Issues & Amendments

Issue N°	Amend. N°	Date	Amendments	Compiled by
1	1	01/02/2016	New entry	G. Oberto
2	1	01/05/2017	Defect tolerances – minimum ref samples; Reviewed BB and Traceability info. Added Storage Conditions. Reviewed Food Intolerance table, Flow Chart and Amendment table.	G. Oberto

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