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Technical Specification		
Product: Olives Black Sliced 5-7mm IQF	Last Update: 31/01/2026	Product Code: OLI002

PACK SIZE 1 x 10Kg

ORIGIN: Spain

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 Black Olives 100% Declare as: Black Olives
(*Olea europea*)

PROCESSING Olives are delivered pre-pitted in brine and inspected upon receipt. During processing the olives are inspected, washed, sliced, inspected, frozen (-18°C or below) and stored in bulk at -23°C or below until required for packing.

PACKING During packing the olives 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.

DEFECT TOLERANCES

<u>Per 1000g</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Clumps	10% w/w
Foreign Material	Nil
EVM	1
Pits or Pieces of Pit	1
Damaged Slices	15% w/w

<u>Per 250g</u>	
Major Blemish	5
Minor Blemish	10
Slice Width < 5mm	5%w/w
Slice Width > 7mm	5%w/w

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

Clumps

These are where three or more slices are frozen together which cannot be readily separated without causing damage to the slices.

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Foreign Material

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

EVM

Vegetable material derived from the olive tree other than the olive e.g. pieces of leaf etc.

Pits or Pieces of Pit

These are olive pits (stones) or pieces of olive pit.

Damaged Slices

This includes slices that are less than ¼ of a full slice or end pieces less than ¼ of a whole slice.

Major Blemish

This includes olive slices that are blemished to the extent that the area affected is greater than 6mm in diameter, either as a single blemish or an aggregate of blemishes on the same slice.

Minor Blemish

This includes olive slices that are blemished to the extent that the area affected is between 2mm and 6mm in diameter, either as a single blemish or an aggregate of blemishes on the same slice. Blemishes less than 2mm in diameter shall be ignored.

Slice Width

This is the width of the slice measured between the 2 cut surfaces.

ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR

Uniform black colour, typical of the variety.

FLAVOUR

Full characteristic olive flavour, typical of the variety.

TEXTURE

Fairly uniform, flesh may be slightly soft, skins may be slightly tough.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
<i>TVC @ 30°C</i>	1×10^5	3×10^5
<i>Total Coliforms</i>	1×10^3	5×10^3
<i>E. coli</i>	Nil	1×10^2
<i>Listeria mono</i>	Absent in 25g	1×10^2
<i>Salmonella</i>	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. Minimum BB date on delivery: 6 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 Blue food grade polythene liner of a minimum thickness of 30µm.

CARTONS Corrugated fibreboard of glued construction, no metal staples to be used. Shall be sealed using 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 Black Olives typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	103	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Energy - kJ	422	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Moisture	76.5g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Carbohydrate	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
- as sugars	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
- as starch	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Fat	11g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
- as saturates	1.7g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	5.7g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	1.3g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Protein	0.9g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Fibre	0g	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Sodium	1330mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Vitamin A	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Vitamin B ₆	0.1mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Vitamin B ₁₂	0.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Vitamin C	0mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Vitamin D	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Vitamin E	1.99mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Thiamin	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Riboflavin	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Niacin	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Folic Acid	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Biotin	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Pantothenic Acid	0.02mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Calcium	61mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Phosphorus	17mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Iron	1.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Magnesium	22mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Zinc	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Iodine	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition
Potassium	91mg	McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition

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GMO DECLARATION

I confirm that this product is not genetically modified or produced from genetically modified organisms. No genetically modified organisms have been used as processing aids or additives. This product does not require specific GM labelling as per Regulation (EC) 1829/2003.

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31st January 2026

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: 31st January 2026

COSHH Data

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

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

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

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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		Black Olives is the product	
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	YES		Olives are stored in brine prior to processing.	
Nuts/Nut Oils	NO			
Caffeine	NO			
Sesame Products	NO			
Garlic	NO			
Poppy Seeds	NO			
Mustard	NO			
Celery/Celериac	NO			
Lupins	NO			
*Including any product derived from slaughtered animals, e.g. gelatine, rennet				
**Including wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, etc.				
<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>				
Is this product Suitable for:				
Vegans	Yes (Not certified)	Vegetarians	Yes	Organic No
Halal	Yes (Not certified)	Kosher	Yes (Not certified)	

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FOOD ADDITIVES

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

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Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31st January 2026

Signed on behalf of the Customer:

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date:

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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.

SLICED BLACK OLIVES

Raw Material Receipt → QA Check



Inspection



Washing



Slicing



Freezing → -18°C QA Check



Inspection CCP1



Carton Fill → QA Check



Check Weigh



Metal Detection → QA Check



Palletise



Cold Storage -23°C



Despatch at -18°C

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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
3	1	31/01/2020	3 Year update – general revision	G. Oberto
4	1	31/01/2023	3 Year update – general revision	F. Soares
5	1	31/01/2026	3 Year update – general revision	F. Soares

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