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Technical Specification		
Product: Pear Diced 10mm IQF	**Last Update:** 31/01/2026	**Product Code:** PEA003

PACK SIZE 1 x 10Kg

ORIGIN: Poland, Turkey, Italy, China

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 (minimum of +75°C for 30 seconds).

INGREDIENTS Pear 100% Declare as: Pear *(Prunus communis)*

Preservatives: Citric Acid (E330) , Ascorbic Acid (E300)

PROCESSING Pears are delivered fresh to the factory, each load is quality assurance sampled for foreign material and physical defects. Pears are washed, cored, peeled, diced, dipped in citric acid, blanched, inspected and frozen to -18°C or below.

PACKING During packing diced pears 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 customer, at -18°C.

DEFECT TOLERANCES

Per 1000g

Foreign Material	Nil
EVM	1
Pips	2
Pieces with skin	5
Pieces with blemish	1%w/w
Oxidised pieces	2%w/w
Clumps	10%w/w
Mechanically damaged	1%w/w
Over/Undersize	10%w/w

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

Foreign Material

This includes any material other than that derived from the apple tree 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.

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EVM
These are pieces of leaf from the pear tree. This does not include stalk.

Pips
These are pear pips.

Blemishes
Any dice exhibiting a mark or brown discolouration.

Clumps
This is where three or more dice are welded together, and which cannot be readily separated without causing damage to the product.

Out of Size
These are dice that are less than 5mm or greater than 15mm

ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR	Typical of pear with no off colours
FLAVOUR	Typical for fruit variety with no foreign taste or flavour.
TEXTURE	On thawing the product is slightly soft, with minimal juice.

Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
T V C @ 30°C	1×10^5	1×10^6
Total Coliforms	1×10^2	5×10^3
E. coli	Nil	1×10^2
Listeria mono	Absent in 25g	1×10^2
Salmonella	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g

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.

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 Pear typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	41	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Energy - kJ	175	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Moisture	83.8g	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Carbohydrate	10.4g	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
- as sugars	10.4g	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
- as polyols	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
- as starch	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Fat	0.1g	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
- as saturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Protein	0.3g	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Fibre	2.1g	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Sodium	3mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Vitamin A	19µg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Vitamin B6	0.02mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Vitamin B12	0.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Vitamin C	6mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Vitamin D	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Vitamin E	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Thiamin	0.02mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Riboflavin	0.03mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Niacin	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Folic Acid	1.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Biotin	0.2µg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Pantothentic Acid	0.07mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Calcium	11mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Phosphorus	11mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Iron	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Magnesium	7mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Zinc	0.1mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Iodine	1µg	McCance & Widdowson 5th Edition
Potassium	13mg	McCance & Widdowson 5th 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	100% Pear
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	YES	Citric acid, ascorbic acid
Antioxidants	YES	Ascorbic acid
Added Salt	NO	
Nuts/Nut Oils	NO	
Caffeine	NO	
Sesame Products	NO	
Garlic	NO	
Poppy Seeds	NO	
Mustard	NO	
Celery/Celeriac	NO	
Lupins	NO	

*Including any product derived from slaughtered animals, e.g. gelatine, rennet
**Including wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, etc.

Please be aware the manufacturing sites we supply this item from may handle allergens in production. Procedures are in place to prevent cross-contamination.

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
E330	Citric Acid	Pear	Acidifier	Acidity regulator	Traces
E300	Ascorbic Acid	Pear	Antioxidant	Antioxidant	traces

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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.

DICED PEAR

Delivery → Q.C. Sampling
↓
Washing
↓
Coring
↓
Dicing
↓
Dipping in citric solution
↓
Blanching
↓
Cooling
↓
Freezing → -18ºC QA Check
↓
Inspection
↓
Carton Fill QA Check
↓
Check Weigh
↓
Metal Detection → QA Check
↓
Palletise
↓
Cold Storage → -23ºC
↓
Despatch → -18ºC

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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
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