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Technical Specification		
<b>Product:</b> Rhubarb 13mm Sliced IQF	<b>Last Update:</b> 31/01/2026	<b>Product Code:</b> RHU006

**PACK SIZE** 1 x 10Kg; 1 x 15Kg; 1 x 20Kg;

**ORIGIN:** Poland

**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** Rhubarb 100% Declare as: Rhubarb  
(*Rheum rhabarbarum*)

**PROCESSING** Rhubarb sticks are delivered fresh to the factory, each load is quality assurance sampled for foreign material and physical defects. The load is then put in a chill store (3°C) before washing, cutting, inspection and freezing to -18°C or below.

**PACKING** During packing the cut rhubarb pieces 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**

<b>Per 1000g</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Foreign Material	Nil	Nil
EVM	2	4
Clumps (≥3 pieces)	2% w/w	5% w/w
Blemishes	3	5
Damaged	3	5
Out of size (L<10mm; L>16mm)	10% w/w	20% w/w

#### **DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS**

##### **Foreign Material**

This includes any material other than that derived from the rhubarb 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.

##### **EVM**

This includes any free vegetable matter that is derived from the rhubarb plant.

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**Blemish**

This includes pieces of rhubarb with blemish greater than a 2mm circle caused by disease or rot.

**Damaged**

This includes any pieces of rhubarb which are squashed.

**Clumps**

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

**Oversize**

This includes any cuts of rhubarb which are greater than 16mm in length.

**Undersize**

This includes any cuts of rhubarb which are less than 10mm in length.

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

**COLOUR**

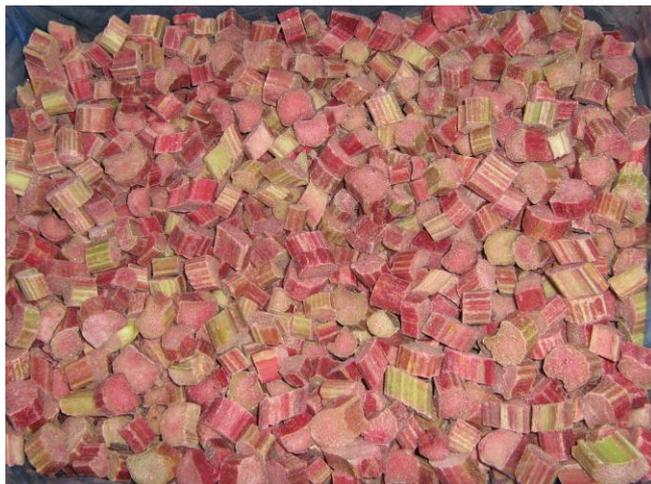
Rhubarb is mainly pink in colour, typical of ripe rhubarb;

**FLAVOUR**

The flavour shall be slightly acid/sour with no off notes. The odour shall be typical of ripe rhubarb with no taints.

**TEXTURE**

The texture shall be firm but tough and the fruit should hold its shape on defrost. The rhubarb must not have a woody texture once cooked.



Average sample

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### **MICROBIOLOGICAL**

<b>Organism</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
<i>TVC @ 30°C</i>	$1 \times 10^4$	$1 \times 10^6$
<i>Total Coliforms</i>	$1 \times 10^2$	$1 \times 10^4$
<i>E. coli</i>	Nil	$1 \times 10^2$
<i>Listeria mono</i>	Absent in 25g	$1 \times 10^2$
<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.

**SACKS (20Kg)** Blue food grade polythene sack of a **minimum** thickness of 110µm.

**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 Rhubarb typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	7	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Energy - kJ	32	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Moisture	94.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Carbohydrate	0.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
- as sugars	0.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
- as starch	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Fat	0.1g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
- as saturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
- as mono unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
- as poly unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Protein	0.9g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Fibre	1.4g	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Sodium	3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Vitamin A	10µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Vitamin B6	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Vitamin B12	0.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Vitamin C	6mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Vitamin D	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Vitamin E	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Thiamin	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Riboflavin	0.03mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Niacin	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Folic Acid	7µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Biotin	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Pantothenic Acid	0.09mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Calcium	93mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Phosphorus	17mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Iron	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Magnesium	13mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Zinc	0.1mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Iodine	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> Edition
Potassium	290mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 <sup>th</sup> 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: 31<sup>st</sup> 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: 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

<b>Food Intolerance Data</b>				
Does the material supplied contain any of the following? (NO) Absent, (YES) Present				
<b>Allergen</b>	<b>NO / YES</b>		<b>Reason for presence if YES</b>	
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% Rhubarb	
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/Celериac	NO			
Lupins	NO			
*Including any product derived from slaughtered animals, e.g. gelatine, rennet				
**Including wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, etc.				
<b><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></b>				
<b>Is this product Suitable for:</b>				
<b>Vegans</b>	Yes (Not certified)	<b>Vegetarians</b>	Yes	<b>Organic</b> No
<b>Halal</b>	Yes (Not certified)	<b>Kosher</b>	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

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Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Signed on behalf of the Customer:

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date:

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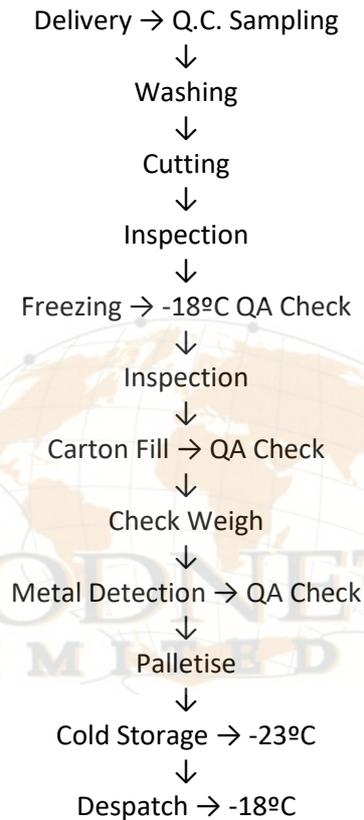
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## PROCESS INFORMATION

### PROCESS FLOW CHART\*

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

#### CUT RHUBARB



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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

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