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Technical Specification		
Product: Wild Sloes IQF	Last Update: 31/01/2026	Product Code: SLO001

PACK SIZE 1 x 500Kg; 1 x 25kg; 1 x 10kg

ORIGIN: 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 designed to be soaked in alcohol and not for direct human consumption (minimum of +75°C for 30 seconds).

INGREDIENTS Sloes 100% Declare as: Sloes
(*Prunus spinosa*)

PROCESSING Sloes are delivered fresh to the factory, each load is quality assurance sampled for foreign material and physical defects. The sloes are washed, inspected and frozen to -18°C or below.

PACKING During packing the sloes are inspected before weighing and filling into sacks. The sacks are checked weighed, metal detected, before being returned to store at -23°C to await despatch to the UK, at -18°C.

DEFECT TOLERANCES

Per 100g

Foreign Material	Nil
EVM	6
Leaves	1%w/w
Over mature	5
Crushed	7
Stems	8
Damaged	7

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

Foreign Material

This includes any material not derived from the plant nor 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 (weed, grass, stems etc.) other than the sloes.

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Leaves

Sloe leaves.

Over mature

Any parts in the surface of the sloes have lost their bright luster color, not uniform and not typical of the variety.

Crushed

When more than one fourth of the sloes have been crushed.

Stems

Loose or attached stem.

Damaged

A portion of the sloe is damaged by bruises, or pathological, ie by insect and thus might possess deformed areas.



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ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR Dark red/bluish colour, typical of variety. No grey cast. No darkening due to oxidation from over maturity.

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

TEXTURE The texture shall be uniformly firm and tender, yielding to the bite.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
<i>TVC @ 30°C</i>	1 x 10 ⁴	5.5 x 10 ⁴
<i>E. coli</i>	Nil	1 x 10 ²
<i>Listeria mono</i>	Absent in 25g	1 x 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.

PACKAGING Product is packed in approved material, which can be in direct contact to the product, as it complies with corresponding EC Directive.

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NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

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

100g of uncooked Sloes typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	40	Theoretical
Energy - kJ	168	Theoretical
Moisture	81.89g	Theoretical
Carbohydrate	5.52g	Theoretical
- as sugars	5.52g	Theoretical
- as polyols	0.0g	Theoretical
- as starch	0.0g	Theoretical
Fat	0.3g	Theoretical
- as saturates	Trace	Theoretical
- as mono unsaturates	Trace	Theoretical
- as poly unsaturates	Trace	Theoretical
Protein	0.8g	Theoretical
Fibre	5.8g	Theoretical

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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% Sloes	
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.				
<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

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THE CONTENTS OF THIS SPECIFICATION ARE CONFIDENTIAL TO FOODNET LTD AND THE CUSTOMER, AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY OTHER PARTY.

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.

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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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