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Technical Specification		
Product: Diced Parsnip 10mm IQF	Last Update: 31/01/2026	Product Code: PAR005

PACK SIZE 1 x 10kg; 1 x 15kg;

ORIGIN: UK, Belgium

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 Parsnips 100% Declare as: Parsnip
(*Pastinaca sativa*)

PROCESSING Parsnip are delivered fresh to the factory, each load is sampled and assessed for foreign material and physical defects. The load is then cleaned, peeled, diced, blanched, frozen and filled into bulk palletainers. The parsnips are sampled and assessed against specification. The palletainers are then labelled and transferred to the cold store, where they are stored at -18°C until required for packing.

PACKING During packing, the parsnips are inspected before weighing and filling into blue poly lined cartons or sacks. The cartons are Best Before and Production date coded, checkweighed and metal detected, palletised and stretch wrapped before being returned to store at -18°C to await despatch to the UK at -18°C.

DEFECT TOLERANCES

<u>Per 1000g</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Clumps (no of dice)	5	10
Foreign Material	Nil	Nil
E.V.M.	Nil	1
<u>Per 250g</u>		
Gross Blemish	1	2
Major Blemish	1	5
Greening	5	10
Minor Blemishes	10	20
Oversize	3% w/w	10% w/w
Undersize	5% w/w	10% w/w

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DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

Clumps

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

Foreign Material

This includes any material not derived from the parsnip 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

This includes any vegetable material other than the swede, which is derived from the parsnip plant.

Gross Blemish

A gross blemish is a black or brown, or decomposed area which covers an area greater than 25% of the surface area of the die.

Major Blemish

A major blemish is a discoloured area (other than green) either as a single blemish or as an aggregate of blemishes covering an area greater than 6mm diameter.

Greening

A die with greening is one which is green for greater than half its surface area.

Minor Blemish

A minor blemish is a discoloured area (other than green) either as a single blemish or an aggregate of blemishes covering an area of less than 6mm diameter. Single blemishes below 2mm shall be ignored.

Oversize

Dice which are larger than one and a half times the declared size in any one or more dimensions.

Undersize

Any dice, which is less than 1/3 of the declared size in one or any more dimensions.

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ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR

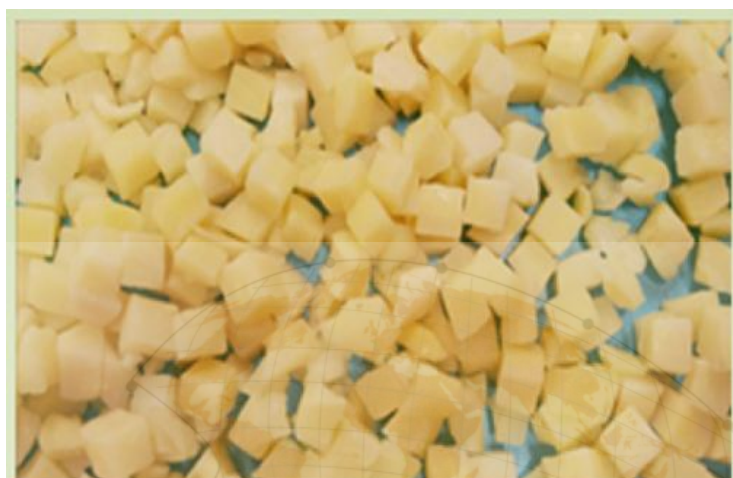
Bright, yellowy cream, uniform within the sample.

FLAVOUR

Full characteristic parsnip, lacking bitterness.

TEXTURE

Parsnips shall be uniformly firm, but yielding to the bite, free from tough cores and any fibrous or woody material.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
<i>TVC @ 30°C</i>	5×10^5	1×10^6
<i>Total Coliforms</i>	5×10^2	1×10^4
<i>E. coli</i>	$<4 \times 10^1$	1×10^2
<i>Listeria mono</i>	Absent in 25g	1×10^2
<i>Salmonella</i>	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g

ANALYTICAL Product shall be blanched to give a negative peroxidase reaction (guaiaicol test) between 50 and 60 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.

SACKS 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 parsnips typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	64	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Energy - kJ	272	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Moisture	79.3g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Carbohydrate	12.3g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as sugars	5.7g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as starch	6.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fat	1.1g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as saturates	0.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	0.5g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	0.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Protein	1.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fibre	4.6g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Sodium	10mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin A	5µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B ₆	0.11mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B ₁₂	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin C	17mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin D	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin E	1.00mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Thiamin	0.23mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Riboflavin	0.01mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Niacin	1.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Folic Acid	87µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Biotin	0.1µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Pantothenic Acid	0.50mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Calcium	41mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Phosphorus	74mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iron	0.6mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Magnesium	23mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Zinc	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iodine	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Potassium	450mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 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/Crustaceans/Molluscs	NO			
Cereals (**)	NO			
Gluten	NO			
Yeast/Yeast Extract	NO			
Soya/Soya Derivatives	NO			
Fruit & Fruit Derivatives	NO			
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/Celeryiac	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
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.

DICED PARSNIPS

Raw Material Receipt → QA Check



Tipping



Dry Screening



Washing



Stone Removal



Steam Peeling



De-skinning



Dicing



Inspection



Blanching



Cooling



Inspection



Stone Removal



De-watering



Freezing at -18°C QA Check



Cold Storage → -18°C



Tipping



Inspection



Carton Fill → QA Check



Check Weigh



Metal Detection → QA Check



Palletise



Cold Storage at -18°C



Despatch at -18°C

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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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