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Technical Specification		
Product: Diced Parsnip 20mm IQF	**Last Update:** 25/09/2026	**Product Code:** PAR007

PACK SIZE 1 x 10kg;

ORIGIN: UK, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Germany

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	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. The cartons are Best Before and Production date coded, checkweighed and metal detected, palletised and stretch wrapped before being returned to store at -18ºC to await despatch to the UK at -18ºC.

DEFECT TOLERANCES

Per 1000g	**Target**	**Maximum**
Clumps (no of dice)	5	10
Foreign Material	Nil	Nil
E.V.M.	Nil	1
Per 250g		
Gross Blemish	1	2
Major Blemish	1	5
Greening	5	10
Minor Blemishes	10	30
Oversize	3% w/w	5% 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
T V C @ 30°C	5×10^5	1×10^6
Total Coliforms	5×10^2	1×10^4
E. coli	$<4 \times 10^1$	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 negative peroxidase reaction (guaiacol 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.

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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 6th Edition
Energy - kJ	272	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Moisture	79.3g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Carbohydrate	12.3g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
- as sugars	5.7g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
- as starch	6.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Fat	1.1g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
- as saturates	0.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	0.5g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	0.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Protein	1.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Fibre	4.6g	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Sodium	10mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Vitamin A	5µg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Vitamin B_6	0.11mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Vitamin B_{12}	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Vitamin C	17mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Vitamin D	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Vitamin E	1.00mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Thiamin	0.23mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Riboflavin	0.01mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Niacin	1.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Folic Acid	87µg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Biotin	0.1µg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Pantothentic Acid	0.50mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Calcium	41mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Phosphorus	74mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Iron	0.6mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Magnesium	23mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Zinc	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Iodine	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6th Edition
Potassium	450mg	McCance & Widdowson 6th 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 Director

Signature: 

Date: 25th September 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 Director

Signature: 

Date: 25th September 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	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/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
None					

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Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:

Name: Gianluca Oberto Job Title: Technical Director

Signature: Date: 25th September 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
5	2	25/09/2026	Adding Belgium and France as CoO	F. Soares