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| Technical Specification | | |
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| Product: Aubergine Grilled Diced 20mm IQF | Last Update: 31/01/2023 | Product Code: AUB005 |

PACK SIZE 1 x 10Kg

ORIGIN: Spain

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 Aubergine 100% Declare as: Aubergine
(*Solarum melogena*)

PROCESSING Aubergines are harvested, trimmed, delivered to the factory. Each load is sampled and assessed for foreign material and physical defects. The load is then cleaned, inspected, marked, diced, grilled, frozen and filled into bulk palletainers. Frozen grilled aubergine is 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 After freezing the diced aubergines are optically sorted, 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 -18°C to await despatch to the UK at -18°C.

DEFECT TOLERANCES

| <u>Per 500g</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Maximum</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Clumps | 3% w/w | 5% w/w |
| Foreign Material | Nil | Nil |
| EVM | Nil | 1 |
| Major Blemish | 1 | 5 |
| Minor Blemish | 4 | 10 |
| Colour Variants | 5% w/w | 10% w/w |
| No Grill Marks | 30% w/w | 50%w/w |
| Oversize >30mm | 5% w/w | 10% w/w |
| Undersize <12mm | 8% w/w | 10% w/w |
| Burnt Pieces | 1%w/w | 3%w/w |

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.

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Foreign Material

This includes any material not derived from the aubergine 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.

Extraneous Vegetable Matter (EVM)

Vegetable material derived from the aubergine plant other than the aubergine flesh e.g. pieces of leaf, stalk etc. Vegetable material not from the aubergine plant will be counted as Foreign material.

Major Blemish

This includes aubergine dices that are blemished to the extent that the area affected is greater than 6mm in diameter, either as a single blemish or an aggregate of blemishes on the same dice.

Minor Blemish

This includes aubergine dices that are blemished to the extent that the area affected is between 2mm and 6mm in diameter, either as a single blemish or an aggregate of blemishes on the same dice. Blemishes less than 2mm in diameter shall be ignored.

Colour Variants

This includes dice that are conspicuously different in colour to the rest of the sample.

No Grill Marks

This includes dices that are totally lacking in any grill marks on any surface of the die.

Oversize

These are dice that are greater than 30mm in any dimension.

Undersize

These are dice that are less than 12mm in any dimension.

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ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR

Slightly golden coloured translucent flesh. The skin will have a dark maroon colour. Most dices shall have some grilled mark on at least one surface.

FLAVOUR

Full characteristic aubergine flavour.

TEXTURE

Flesh and skins shall be uniformly tender and firm.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

| Organism | Target | Maximum |
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| <i>TVC @ 30°C</i> | 1×10^5 | 1×10^6 |
| <i>Total Coliforms</i> | 1×10^3 | 3×10^3 |
| <i>E. coli</i> | Nil | 1×10^2 |
| <i>Listeria mono</i> | Absent in 25g | 1×10^2 |
| <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.

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 aubergine typically contains: -

| Parameter | Value / 100g | Methodology |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|
| Energy - kcal | 15 | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Energy - kJ | 64 | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Moisture | 92.9g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Carbohydrate | 2.2g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| - as sugars | 2.0g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| - as polyols | 0.0g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| - as starch | 0.2g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Fat | 0.4g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| - as saturates | 0.1g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| - as mono unsaturates | Trace | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| - as poly unsaturates | 0.2g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Protein | 0.9g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Fibre | 2.0g | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Sodium | 2mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Vitamin A | 12µg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Vitamin B6 | 0.08mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Vitamin B12 | 0µg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Vitamin C | 4.0mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Vitamin D | 0mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Vitamin E | 0.03mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Thiamin | 0.02mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Riboflavin | 0.01mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Niacin | 0.1mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Folic Acid | 18µg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Biotin | 0µg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Pantothenic Acid | 0.08mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Calcium | 10mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Phosphorus | 16mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Iron | 0.3mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Magnesium | 11mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Zinc | 0.2mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Iodine | 1µg | McCance & Widdowson 7 th Edition |
| Potassium | 210mg | McCance & Widdowson 7 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 2023

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 2023

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 | | | | | |
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| 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/Celery | 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 |
|-----------|------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| None | | | | | |
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Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31st January 2023

Signed on behalf of the Customer:

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date:

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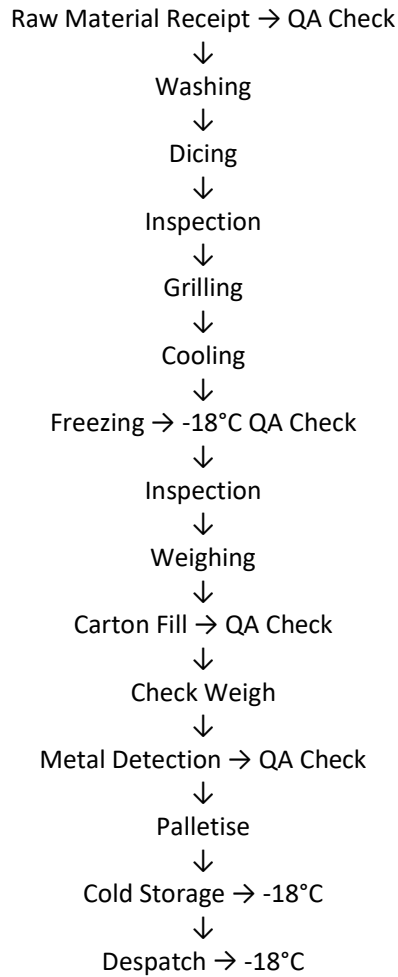
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PROCESS INFORMATION

PROCESS FLOW CHART*

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

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| 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 |
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