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Technical Specification		
Product: Mushroom Pieces and Stems <65mm Unblanched IQF	Last Update: 31/01/2026	Product Code: MUS032

PACK SIZE 1 x 10kg;

ORIGIN: The Netherlands

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 Mushroom 100% Declare as: Mushroom
(*Agaricus bisporus*)

PROCESSING Mushrooms 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, trimming and inspection before freezing to -18°C or below.

PACKING During packing the mushrooms 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 -18°C to await despatch to the UK, at -18°C.

DEFECT TOLERANCES

Per 500g

Clumps	3
Foreign Material	Nil
EVM	≤0.1%
Pieces <10mm	3% w/w
Cap Diameter >65mm	5% w/w
Stem Length >45mm	10% w/w
Slice Thickness 5 or 7mm	±1mm

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

Clumps

This is where 3 or more slices are welded together which cannot be readily separated without causing damage to the slice.

EVM

This includes any free vegetable matter which is derived from the mushroom (eg. root-like hyphae) as well as peat.

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Foreign Material

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

Pieces

Mushroom pieces less than 10mm in the smallest dimension.

Cap Diameter

This is the measurement of the cap and should be between 20 to 65mm.

Stem Length

This is measured from the bottom of the cap to the end of the stalk and should not exceed 45mm.

Slice Thickness

The slices shall be between 5 or 7mm thick with a tolerance of ± 1 mm.

ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR

White or creamy coloured mushrooms. There may be very slight non-uniformity in colour amongst the mushrooms.

FLAVOUR

Full characteristic chestnut mushroom flavour. May be slightly earthy, with no harsh flavours.

TEXTURE

Uniformly firm and tender, yielding to the bite.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
<i>TVC @ 30°C</i>	5×10^5	5×10^6
<i>Total Coliforms</i>	5×10^3	5×10^4
<i>E. coli</i>	1×10^1	1×10^2
<i>Listeria mono</i>	Absent in 25g	1×10^2
<i>Salmonella</i>	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g

ANALYTICAL

SO₂ levels shall be no greater than 10ppm.

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 mushroom typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	13	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Energy - kJ	55	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Moisture	92.6g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Carbohydrate	0.4g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as sugars	0.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as starch	0.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fat	0.5g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as saturates	0.1g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	0.3g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Protein	1.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fibre	1.1g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Sodium	5mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin A	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B ₆	0.18mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B ₁₂	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin C	1mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin D	0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin E	0.12g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Thiamin	0.9mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Riboflavin	0.31mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Niacin	3.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Folic Acid	44µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Biotin	12.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Pantothenic Acid	2.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Calcium	6mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Phosphorus	80mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iron	0.6mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Magnesium	9mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Zinc	0.4mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iodine	3µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Potassium	320mg	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
E222	Sulphite	Mushroom	Colour preservative	Colour Preservative	<10ppm

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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.

MUSHROOMS PIECES & STEMS

Delivery → Q.C. Sampling



Chill Store



Washing



Trimming



Slicing



Inspection



Freezing → -18°C QA Check



Grading



Inspection



Carton Fill → QA Check



Check Weigh



Metal Detection → QA Check



Palletise



Cold Storage → -23°C



Despatch → -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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