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Technical Specification		
Product: Diced Gherkin 10mm IQF	Last Update: 31/01/2026	Product Code: GHE001

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).

<u>INGREDIENTS</u>	Cucumber	96%	Declare as: Cucumber (<i>Cucumis sativus</i>)
	Salt	3%	
	Vinegar	1%	

PROCESSING Freshly harvested cucumbers are delivered, held in chill store until required for processing. During processing the cucumbers are washed, diced to 10 x 10mm dice, inspected, frozen (-18°C or below), colour sorted and stored in bulk at -18°C or below.

PACKING After freezing the diced cucumbers 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>
Foreign Material	Nil	Nil
EVM	0	1
Major Blemish	1	3
Minor Blemish	5	10
Defective Colour	2% w/w	5% w/w
Clumps	3% w/w	5% w/w
Oversize >20mm	3% w/w	5% w/w
Undersize Dice <5mm	5% w/w	10% w/w

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

Clumps

These are where three or more dice are welded together by freezing and cannot be readily separated without causing damage to the dice.

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Foreign Material

This includes any material not derived from the cucumber 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 cucumber plant other than the cucumber flesh e.g. leaf, etc. Vegetable material not from the pepper plant will be counted as foreign material.

Minor blemish

These are dices which are discoloured or blemished by bruising, disease, mechanical or any other agency so that an area greater than 2mm diameter and equal to or less than 6mm is affected either as a single blemish or an aggregate of blemishes on the same dice. Blemishes equal to or less than 2mm shall be ignored.

Oversize

These are dice that are greater than 20mm in any dimension.

Undersize

These are dice that are less than 5mm in any dimension.

ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR

White flesh, light green skin.

FLAVOUR

Characteristic for the product.

TEXTURE

Fairly uniform, tender and consistent.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
<i>E. coli</i>	$<1 \times 10^1$	1×10^2
<i>Listeria mono</i>	Absent in 25g	1×10^2
<i>Salmonella</i>	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g

ANALYTICAL

N/A – un-blanced 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 twelve months following the month of packing.
Minimum BB date on delivery: 3 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 product typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	7g	Calculated
Energy - kJ	31g	Calculated
Carbohydrate	1.1g	Calculated
- as sugars	0	Calculated
Fat	0	Calculated
- as saturates	0	Calculated
Protein	0	Calculated
Fibre	1.5g	Calculated
Salt	3.23g	Calculated



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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 202

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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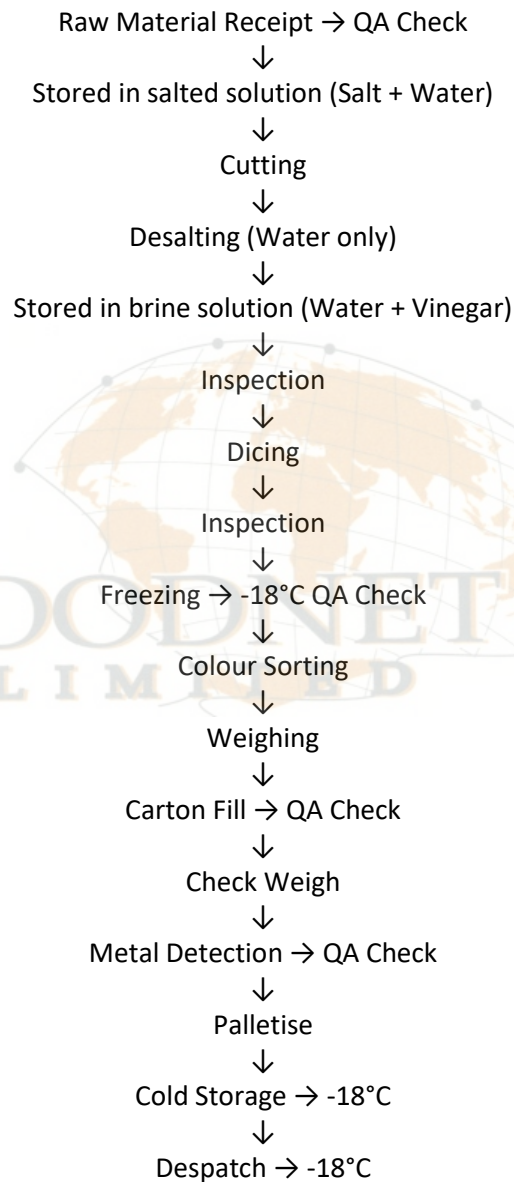
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PROCESS INFORMATION

PROCESS FLOW CHART*

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

DICED GHERKIN



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