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Product Specification

Product Information

Product Name	South African Choice Currants
Product Description	South African Choice Grade Currants
Ingredient	Country of Origin
Provincial Currants	South African
Sunflower Oil	

Ingredient Declaration

Ingredients: Currants, Sunflower Oil

Pack Size(s) - Bulk	Product Code		Pack Size	
	0510212		12.5kg	
Pack Size(s) - Repacked	Product Code	Pack Size	Product Code	Pack Size
	0510101	1kg	0510103	3kg
	0510314	4 x 3kg	0510396	6 x 1kg
	0510400	10 x 1kg	0510550HP	12 x 500g

This list is not exhaustive

Photograph

Typical Example of Raw Material



Shelf Life & Storage Conditions

Maximum Shelf at Packing	365	Days
Minimum Life on Receipt (MLOR)	90	Days
Storage Temperature on Delivery	Ambient	
Storage Instructions	Store in a cool dry place out of direct sunlight	

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Microbiological Standards			
Test	Target	Acceptable	Reject
TVC	<10,000 cfu/g	50,000 cfu/g	>50,000 cfu/g
E.coli	<10 cfu/g	100 cfu/g	>100 cfu/g
S.aureus	<10 cfu/g	100 cfu/g	>100 cfu/g
Enterobacteriaceae	<50 cfu/g	100 cfu/g	>100 cfu/g
Yeasts & Moulds	<1,000 cfu/g	10,000 cfu/g	>10,000 cfu/g
Salmonella	Not Detected in 25g	Not Detected in 25g	Detected in 25g

Chemical Standards			
Test	Target	Acceptable	Reject
Moisture	15%	14 - 17%	Outside Range
Ochratoxin A	<8 ppb	8 ppb	>8 ppb

Sensory Details	
Appearance	Blue, black, to dark brown, free flowing berries
Aroma	Typical of currants with no off or objectionable odours
Taste	Typical of currants with no off or objectionable odours
Texture	Slightly soft, chewy

Physical Standards			
Parameter	Target	Acceptable	Reject
Berry Count (per 100g)	900 - 1600	900 - 1600	Outside range
Foreign Matter (e.g., stones, seeds, thorns) (per ton)	Absent	3	>3
Minor Colour Deviation (w/w)	<20%	20%	>20%
Major Colour Deviation (w/w)	<1%	1%	>1%
Texture Deviation (w/w)	<5%	5%	>5%
Blemishes (w/w)	<5%	5%	>5%
Damaged Berries (w/w)	<2%	2%	>2%
Sugared Berries (w/w)	<10%	10%	>10%
Mouldy Berries (w/w)	<2%	2%	>2%
Floaters / Immature Berries (w/w)	<1%	1%	>1%
Capstems (per 250g)	<25	25	>25
Pips (w/w)	<0.5%	0.5%	>0.5%
Stalks >10mm (per 12.5kg)	Absent	1	>1
Stalks <10mm (per 12.5kg)	Absent	2	>2
Sand (per 200g)	Absent	5mm	>5mm
Live Infestation	Absent	Absent	Absent

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Bulk Packaging		
	Primary	Secondary
Material	Food Grade Plastic	Corrugated Cardboard Box
Closure Method	Folded	Tape
Repacked Packaging		
	Primary	Secondary
Material	Clear Food Grade plastic	Corrugated Cardboard
Closure Method	Heat Seal	Brown Gum Tape or Clear Sticky Tape

Nutritional Information	
Parameter	Per 100g
Energy (kJ)	1139
Energy (Kcal)	267
Protein (g)	2.3
Available Carbohydrates (g)	67.8
Of Which Sugars (g)	67.8
Fat (g)	0.4
Of Which Saturates (g)	0.0
Salt (g)	0.0
Fibre (g)	1.9
Source: McCance & Widdowson Seventh Summary Edition	

Allergens				
Component (and products thereof)	Contains (Bulk)	Contains (Repack)	Handled at Shepcote	Comments
Cereals containing gluten	N	MC	☒	
Crustaceans	N	N	☐	
Eggs	N	N	☒	
Fish	N	N	☐	
Peanuts	N	MC	☒	
Soybeans	N	N	☒	
Milk	N	N	☒	
Nuts	N	MC	☒	
Celery	N	N	☒	
Mustard	N	N	☒	
Sesame	N	MC	☒	
Sulphur Dioxide >10 mg/kg	N	N	☒	
Lupin	N	N	☐	
Molluscs	N	N	☐	
Y = Contains, N = Does Not Contain, MC = May Contain				

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Suitable for		
Group	Bulk	Repacked
Vegetarian	Yes	Yes
Vegan	Yes	Yes
Kosher (Certified)	No	No
Halal (Certified)	No	No

Other Intolerances and/or Food Groups			
Component	Contains		Comments
	Yes	No	
Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)	☐	☒	
Irradiated Materials	☐	☒	
Hydrogenated Fat/Oil	☐	☒	
Palm Oil	☐	☒	
Maize or Maize Derivatives	☐	☒	
Vegetable & Vegetable Derivatives	☐	☒	
Yeast & Yeast Derivatives	☐	☒	
Seeds, Seed Oil & Seed Derivatives	☒	☐	Sunflower Oil
Fruit & Fruit Derivatives	☒	☐	Currants
Flavouring, Colours or Preservatives	☐	☒	
Beef, Pork, Lamb, Poultry & Derivatives	☐	☒	
Gelatine	☐	☒	
Other Animal Derivatives	☐	☒	
Added Sugar	☐	☒	
Added Salt	☐	☒	
Mono Sodium Glutamate (MSG)	☐	☒	
Artificial Colours Including Azo Dyes	☐	☒	
BHA/BHT	☐	☒	
Kiwi	☐	☒	
Cinnamon	☐	☒	
Cocoa	☐	☒	
Coriander	☐	☒	

Signed for and on behalf of			
Name	Position	Signature	Date

Please sign and return a copy of this specification within two weeks of receipt. Failure to do so will be deemed as customer acceptance

Signed for and on behalf of Shepcote Distributors Ltd			
Name	Position	Signature	Date
Jurate Jundulienė	Quality Manager		21.08.26

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