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Product Specification

Product Information

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| Product Name | Whole Pitted Dates | |
| Product Description | Pitted Dates | |
| Ingredient | % in Mixing Bowl | Country of Origin |
| Dates | 100% | Iran / Pakistan |

Ingredient Declaration

Ingredients: Dates

| Pack Size(s) - Bulk | Product Code | | Pack Size | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | 0511110 | | 10kg | |
| Pack Size(s) - Repacked | Product Code | Pack Size | Product Code | Pack Size |
| | 0511101 | 1kg | 0511103 | 3kg |
| | 0511314 | 4 x 3kg | 0511396 | 6 x 1kg |
| 0511400 | 10 x 1kg | 0511550HP | 12 x 500g | |

Photograph

Typical Example of Raw Material



Shelf Life & Storage Conditions

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|------|
| Maximum Shelf at Packing | 540 | 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 | <16% | 20% | >20% |
| Aflatoxin Total | <4 ppb | 4 ppb | >4 ppb |
| Aflatoxin B1 | <2 ppb | 2 ppb | >2 ppb |

Sensory Details

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| Appearance | Characteristic Dark Brown in Colour, Oval in shape, split down one side for removal of pit. |
| Aroma | Rich with caramel notes |
| Taste | Sweet caramel flavour |
| Texture | Slightly stick with harder skin and softer chewy flesh |

Physical Standards

| Parameter | Target | Acceptable | Reject |
|--|--------|------------|---------------|
| Count (per lb) | 100 | 70 - 130 | Outside Range |
| Date Stone & Pits | Absent | 0.5% | >0.5% |
| Calyxes (per 10kg) | Absent | 0.5% | >0.5% |
| Hair (per 10kg) | Absent | 1 | >1 |
| Dead Infestation or parts thereof | Absent | 4% | >4% |
| Infestation | Absent | Absent | Present |
| Impurity (per lb) | <1% | 1% | >1% |
| EVM | <1% | 1% | >1% |
| Open Fruits | <3% | 3% | >3% |
| Unclosed | <1% | 1% | >1% |
| Mechanically Damaged | <2% | 2% | >2% |
| Dust & Grit <0.5g (per 100kg) | Absent | 1 | >1 |
| Total Mineral Stones <0.5g (per 100kg) | Absent | 1 | >1 |
| Other Foreign Material | Absent | Absent | Present |
| Discolouration | <1% | 1% | >1% |

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| Bulk Packaging | | |
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| | Primary | Secondary |
| Material | Food Grade Liner | 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) | 1252 |
| Energy (Kcal) | 295 |
| Protein (g) | 3.3 |
| Available Carbohydrates (g) | 68.0 |
| Of Which Sugars (g) | 68.0 |
| Fat (g) | 0.2 |
| Of Which Saturates (g) | 0.1 |
| Salt (g) | 0.1 |
| Fibre (g) | 4.0 |

Source: McCance & Widdowson's Seventh Summary Edition
 (kJ and Kcal calculated in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011)

| Allergens | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Component (and products thereof) | Contains (Bulk) | Contains (Repack) | Handled at Shepcote | Comments |
| Cereals containing gluten | N | MC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Crustaceans | N | N | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Eggs | N | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Fish | N | N | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Peanuts | N | MC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Soybeans | N | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Milk | N | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Nuts | N | MC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Celery | N | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Mustard | N | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Sesame | N | MC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Sulphur Dioxide >10 mg/kg | N | N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Lupin | N | N | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Molluscs | N | N | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Y = Contains, N = Does Not Contain, MC = May Contain

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| Suitable for | | |
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| 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) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Irradiated Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Hydrogenated Fat/Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Palm Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Maize or Maize Derivatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Vegetable & Vegetable Derivatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Yeast & Yeast Derivatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Seeds, Seed Oil & Seed Derivatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Fruit & Fruit Derivatives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dates |
| Flavouring, Colours or Preservatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Beef, Pork, Lamb, Poultry & Derivatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Gelatine | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other Animal Derivatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Added Sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Added Salt | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Mono Sodium Glutamate (MSG) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Artificial Colours Including Azo Dyes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| BHA/BHT | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Kiwi | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cinnamon | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cocoa | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Coriander | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

| 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

| Shepcote Distributors Ltd | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Name | Position | Signature | Date |
| Jurate Junduliene | Quality Manager | | 21.11.22 |

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