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Product Specification

Product Information

Product Name	Chopped Dates (Rice Floured)	
Product Description	Chopped pitted dates, lightly covered in rice flour	
Ingredient	% in Mixing Bowl	Country of Origin
Dates	95% ($\pm 2\%$)	Pakistan, UAE. Manufactured in UK
Rice Flour	5% ($\pm 2\%$)	Cambodia, Egypt, India, Portugal, Burma, Puerto Rico, Spain, South America (Brazil, Guyana, Paraguay, Uruguay), Thailand. Manufactured in France.

Ingredient Declaration

Ingredients: Dates (95%), Rice Flour

Pack Size(s) - Bulk	Product Code	Pack Size	Product Code	Pack Size
	0542110	10kg	0542212	12.5kg
Pack Size(s) - Repacked	Product Code	Pack Size	Product Code	Pack Size
	0542103	3kg	0542314	4 x 3kg
	0542396	6 x 1kg	0542400	10 x 1kg

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	<50,000 cfu/g	100,000 cfu/g	>100,000 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%	10 – 20%	Outside Range
Available Water	0.60	0.68	>0.68
Ochratoxin A	<2 ppb	2 ppb	>2 ppb
Aflatoxin Total	<4 ppb	4ppb	>4 ppb
Aflatoxin B1	<2 ppb	2 ppb	>2 ppb

Sensory Details

Appearance	Dark brown piece of chopped dates, irregular 6-12mm cut, dusted with rice flour to aid free flowing of the product.
Aroma	Sweet, with no off or rancid odours
Taste	Sweet, with no off or rancid flavours. Intensity of flavour increases towards the end of the season
Texture	Firm – Product is softer when freshly processed but does harden after a while with shelf life parameters

Physical Standards

Parameter	Target	Acceptable	Reject
Size	6 – 12mm	-	-
Oversize / Undersize (dice size vary as fruit falls randomly through blades)	>10%	15%	>15%
Mineral Stones (per mt.)	Absent	3	>3
EVM (Calyx, Stalk, Leaves etc) (Per 10kg)	Absent	2	>2
Pits (per mt.) *	Absent	3	>3

*Dates will naturally have approximately 250,000 pits per tonne, although the manufacturer tries to ensure that there are no pits, this cannot be guaranteed. A tolerance of 3 pits per MT of chopped dates is allowed as the likelihood is if one pits gets through it will be cut into 3 by the manufacturing process

Bulk Packaging

	Primary	Secondary
Material	Food grade polythene 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

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Nutritional Information

Parameter	Per 100g
Energy (kJ)	1028
Energy (Kcal)	242
Protein (g)	2.6
Available Carbohydrates (g)	56.9
Of Which Sugars (g)	52.5
Fat (g)	0.6
Of Which Saturates (g)	0.3
Salt (g)	0.03
Fibre (g)	7.2

Source: Suppliers Specification

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

Suitable for

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

Other Intolerances and/or Food Groups

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	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		Signature	Date
Name	Position		

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 Junduliene	Quality Manager		08.02.24

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