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echnical Specification		
Product: Rhubarb 13mm Sliced	Last Update: 31/01/2020	Product Code: RHU006

PACK SIZE 1 x 10Kg; 1 x 20Kg;

ORIGIN: Poland

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.

INGREDIENTS Rhubarb 100% Declare as: Rhubarb
(*Rheum rhabarbarum*)

PROCESSING Rhubarb sticks 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, cutting, inspection and freezing to -18°C or below.

PACKING During packing the cut rhubarb pieces 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 -23°C to await despatch to the UK, at -18°C.

QUALITY CONTROL Checks are carried out on the following: -

Processing: -	Raw material Final Product Temperature
Packing: -	Metal detection Check weighing Final product physical defect levels Organolepsis Case quantity Case sealing Case coding and print quality

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DEFECT TOLERANCES

<u>Per 1000g</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Foreign Material	Nil	Nil
EVM	2	4
Clumps (≥3 pieces)	2% w/w	5% w/w
Blemishes	3	5
Damaged	3	5
Out of size (L<10mm; L>16mm)	10% w/w	20% w/w

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

Foreign Material

This includes any material other than that derived from the rhubarb plant 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.

EVM

This includes any free vegetable matter that is derived from the rhubarb plant.

Blemish

This includes pieces of rhubarb with blemish greater than a 2mm circle caused by disease or rot.

Damaged

This includes any pieces of rhubarb which are squashed.

Clumps

These are where three or more pieces are frozen together which cannot be readily separated without causing damage to the pieces.

Oversize

This includes any cuts of rhubarb which are greater than 16mm in length.

Undersize

This includes any cuts of rhubarb which are less than 10mm in length.

The below minimum numbers of samples should be inspected and average result to be out-of-spec.

	Minimum samples to be taken (1Kg of product per each item)		
Quantity Delivered (Kg)	10Kg Boxes	20Kg Bags	25Kg Bags
<1000	4	2	2
<2000	8	5	4
<5000	10	7	5
<10000	15	10	8
≤27000	20	15	12

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ORGANOLEPSIS (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

COLOUR

Rhubarb is mainly pink in colour, typical of ripe rhubarb;

FLAVOUR

The flavour shall be slightly acid/sour with no off notes. The odour shall be typical of ripe rhubarb with no taints.

TEXTURE

The texture shall be firm but tough and the fruit should hold its shape on defrost. The rhubarb must not have a woody texture once cooked.



Average sample

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MICROBIOLOGICAL

Organism	Target	Maximum
<i>TVC @ 30°C</i>	1×10^4	1×10^6
<i>Total Coliforms</i>	1×10^2	5×10^3
<i>E. coli</i>	Nil	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-blanchd 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 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.

SACKS (20Kg) Blue food grade polythene sack of a **minimum** thickness of 110µm.

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 Rhubarb typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	7	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Energy - kJ	32	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Moisture	94.2g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Carbohydrate	0.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as sugars	0.8g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as polyols	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as starch	0.0g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fat	0.1g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as saturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as mono unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
- as poly unsaturates	Trace	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Protein	0.9g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Fibre	1.4g	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Sodium	3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin A	10µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B6	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin B12	0.0mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin C	6mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin D	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Vitamin E	0.2mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Thiamin	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Riboflavin	0.03mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Niacin	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Folic Acid	7µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Biotin	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Pantothenic Acid	0.09mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Calcium	93mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Phosphorus	17mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iron	0.3mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Magnesium	13mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Zinc	0.1mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Iodine	0.0µg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition
Potassium	290mg	McCance & Widdowson 6 th Edition

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GMO DECLARATION

Does the product, or any of its ingredients contain any genetically modified material (whether viable or not)? YES / NO

Is the product or any of its ingredients not substantially equivalent as a consequence of the use of genetic modification? YES / NO

Is the product or any of its ingredients produced from, but not containing any genetically modified material? YES / NO

Have genetically modified organisms been used as processing aids or additives used in connection with the production of the food or any of its ingredients? YES / NO

Have genetically modified organisms been used to produce processing aids or additives but where such genetically modified organisms are not present in the processing aid as used in connection with the production of the food or any of its ingredients? YES / NO

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31st January 2020

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: 

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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	YES	100% Rhubarb			
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/Celery	NO				
Lupins	NO				
*Including any product derived from slaughtered animals, e.g. gelatine, rennet					
**Including wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, etc.					
Please be aware the manufacturing sites we supply this item from may handle allergens in production. Procedures are in place to prevent cross-contamination.					
Is this product Suitable for:					
Vegans	Yes (Not certified)	Vegetarians	Yes	Organic	No
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

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.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS SPECIFICATION ARE CONFIDENTIAL TO FOODNET LTD AND THE CUSTOMER, AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY OTHER PARTY.

Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31st January 2020

Signed on behalf of the Customer:

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date:

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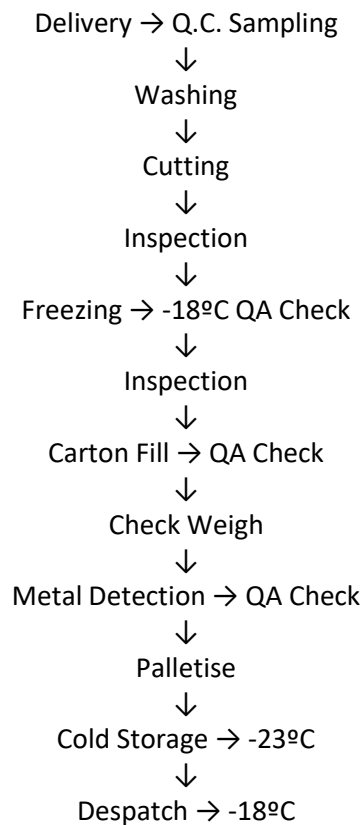
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PROCESS INFORMATION

PROCESS FLOW CHART*

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

CUT RHUBARB



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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

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