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Organic Select Chopped Dates

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1.0 SUPPLIER DETAILS

SUPPLIER NAME / ADDRESS	WESTERN COMMODITIES LTD UNIT 13 SOUTH VIEW ESTATE WILLAND CULLOMPTON DEVON EX15 2QW
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2.0 RAW MATERIAL DETAILS

RAW MATERIAL NAME	Organic Select Chopped Dates		
LEGAL NAME	Organic Select Chopped Dates		
RAW MATERIAL DESCRIPTION	Organic Select Chopped Dates		
GRADE	UK freeze treated, chopped macerated Dates.		
GRADE DICE	NOMINALLY 6-12MM (SINGLE DICED) <i>(NOTE - DICE SIZE VARY AS FRUIT FALLS RANDOMLY THROUGH BLADES, THEREFORE UP TO 15% OVERSIZE / UNDERSIZE MAY BE EXPECTED)</i>		
VARIETY & SPECIES	Phoenix Dactylifera Variety		
ORGANIC CERTIFICATION BODY AND CERTIFICATION NUMBER (If applicable)	Organic Farmers & Growers GB-ORG-02		
FULL LEGAL INGREDIENT DECLARATION	DATES, RICE FLOUR		
INGREDIENTS IN DESCENDING ORDER	% COMPOSITION	COUNTRY OF MANUFACTURE	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
DATES	95% (+/-2%)	UK	Pakistan / UAE
RICE FLOUR	5% (+/-2)	UK	Argentina

3.0 PACKAGING

UNIT SIZE	12.5Kg		
NUMBER PER OUTER	1		
NUMBER PER PALLET	80		
PACKAGING FORMAT	Food Grade blue liner inner with double walled, corrugated cardboard outer.		
PACKAGING MATERIALS	Blue tint polythene, food grade, medium density polythene.		
PACKAGING DIMENSIONS	Liner	737 x 610mm	Outer 390 x 280 x 180mm
TOTAL SHELF LIFE	12 months	SHELF LIFE ON DELIVERY	9 months
		SHELF LIFE ONCE OPENED	Subject to storage
RECOMMENDED STORAGE CONDITIONS	Ambient, Dry environment		
PACKED IN A PROTECTIVE ATMOSPHERE (GAS FLUSHED)?	NO	TYPE OF GAS:	N/A
WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS CONTAINED ON THE END CASE LABEL UPON DELIVERY			
PRODUCT NAME AND SIZE	YES	NET WEIGHT	YES
PRODUCT CODE	YES	STORAGE CONDITIONS	YES
TRACEABILITY	YES	METAL DETECTED	YES
DATE OF PRODUCTION	YES	NUT DECLARATION	NO
PRODUCTION CODE	LABEL INCLUDES TRACEABILITY PURCHASE REFERENCE AND BEST BEFORE DATE BASED ON PRODUCTION DATE.		

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4.0 FINISHED PRODUCT NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS

FINISHED PRODUCT NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS	TYPICAL VALUES /100G	METHOD OF DETERMINATION: analysis or published data (add the method for each)	FREQUENCY (If analytical)	SOURCE OF PUBLISHED DATA OR LABORATORY (INCL. LAB REF).
Energy kJ	1002	Published data		McCance and Widdowson's Composition of Foods Integrated Dataset 2019 Food Code:14-394
Energy kcal	235	Published data		
Protein g	2.4	Published data		
Available Carbohydrate g	58.7	Published data		
Total Sugars g	58.0	Published data		
Added Sugar	0	Published data		
Fat g	0.6	Published data		
Of which Saturates	0.3	Published data		
Of which are Monounsaturated	0.3	Published data		
Of which are Polyunsaturated	Trace	Published data		
Fibre (AOAC) g	7.5	Published data		
Sodium mg	11	Published data		

5.0 FINISHED PRODUCT QUALITY ASSURANCE ORGANOLEPTIC ASSESSMENT

APPEARANCE	Dark brown pieces of chopped date, irregular cut, dusted with rice flour to aid free flowing nature of the product.
TASTE	Sweet. Intensity of flavour increases towards the end of the season
TEXTURE	Firm – product is softer when freshly processed but does harden after a while within shelf-life parameters.
ODOUR	Typical of date with no uncharacteristic aromas

6.0 PHYSICAL PRODUCT PARAMETERS:

6.1 PHYSICAL FINISHED PRODUCT TESTS CRITICAL TO PRODUCT

Type	TARGET	TOLERANCE	FREQUENCY	METHOD
Pits	0	3	PER TONNE	INSPECTION
N.B Dates will naturally have approximately 250,000 pits per tonne, although we try to ensure that there are no pits, this cannot be guaranteed. We allow a tolerance of 3 pits per MT of chopped dates as the likelihood is if one pits gets through it will be cut into 3 by our process.				
Size (oversize/undersize pieces)	<10%	<15%	PER TONNE	INSPECTION
Mineral Stones	0	3	PER TONNE	INSPECTION
EVM (Calyx, stalk, leaves etc)	0	2	PER CARTON	INSPECTION

6.2 CHEMICAL PRODUCT PARAMETERS:

CHEMICAL FINISHED PRODUCT TESTS CRITICAL TO PRODUCT	TARGET	TOLERANCE	FREQUENCY	METHOD
Moisture	15 %	10-20%	EACH BATCH	Precisa XM60
Available Water	0.60	<0.68	EACH BATCH	Novasina

6.3 MICROBIOLOGICAL PRODUCT PARAMETERS

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FINISHED PRODUCT MICRO STANDARDS	TARGET
TVC	< 100,000 cfu/g
E Coli	< 20 cfu/g
Yeasts	< 1000 cfu/g
Moulds	< 1000 cfu/g
Staph Aureus	< 20 cfu/g
B. Cereus	<1000 cfu/g
Salmonella	Absent / 25g
Coliforms	<100 cfu/g
Enterobacteriaceae	<100 cfu/g

7.0 IN-PROCESS CHECKS

7.1 CHECKWEIGHING

METHOD OF WEIGHING	Minimum Weight, Calibrated Scales		
CHECKWEIGHING LIMITS	MINIMUM WEIGHT	TARGET WEIGHT	UPPER WEIGHT LIMIT
	12.5 kg	12.5Kg	12.8Kg

7.2 METAL DETECTION

DETECTABLE TOLERANCES	FERROUS	0.8 MM	NON-FERROUS	0.8 MM	STAINLESS STEEL	1.2 MM
FREQUENCY TESTED DURING PRODUCTION	AT START UP, HOURLY DURING PRODUCTION AND AT END OF PRODUCTION					

8.0 SPECIFIC TESTING REQUIREMENTS

8.1 PESTICIDES & MYCOTOXINS

PESTICIDES	MAXIMUM RESIDUAL LEVELS (MRL'S)	FREQUENCY OF TESTING
Pesticides of PAP1 group	< EU-RML	Annually
Inorganic Bromide	4 mg/kg	Annually
Aflatoxin B1	2mg/kg	Annually by supplier
Aflatoxin Total (Sum of B1, B2, G1 & G2)	4 mg/kg	Annually by supplier
Ochratoxin A	2mg/kg	Annually by supplier

8.2 HEAVY METALS

HEAVY METALS	MAXIMUM RESIDUAL LEVELS (MRL'S)	FREQUENCY OF TESTING
Lead (Pb)	<0.05 mg/kg	Annually
Cadmium (Cd)	<0.01 mg/kg	Annually

8.3 IRRADIATION

Has the product been treated with ionizing radiation?	NO
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9.0 LABORATORY TESTING AND PRODUCT RELEASE

9.1 LABORATORY

LABORATORIES USED FOR TESTING	TYPE OF TESTING	STATE ACCREDITATION SCHEME
Various	Micro	UKAS

9.2 POSITIVE RELEASE

Product Positively released prior to delivery	YES	Physical assessment of each pallet conducted before release.
Certificate of Conformance provided by supplier	YES	With each batch when requested.

10.0 FREE FROM INFORMATION

It is vitally important that the information is correct and that no unauthorised changes are made to ingredients or recipes. The information on this page will be used without reservation to provide information to consumers on special diets or who suffer severe and potentially fatal allergic reactions to very small quantities of nuts or nut oils (anaphylactic reactions) or ingredients as well as for food content information.

Is the product free from?	Yes / No	State ingredient	If not in product, used within same factory?	If used in factory, is there adequate segregation?
Nuts and Nut derivatives – due to possible cross contamination from use on site Free from means absolute absence of all nut products, including oils and sources of nut derivatives	YES		Yes	Completely segregated storage and processing
Sesame seeds and derivatives – due to possible cross contamination from use on site Free from means absolute absence of seeds, oils and derivatives (including Sesame seeds)	YES			
Milk and Milk Derivatives Free from means absolute absence from Milk (Cow, Goat, Sheep or other animal); Milk solids and non-fat solids; Whey, Hydrolysed Whey protein and caesinates.	YES			
Egg and Egg Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of fresh / dried egg; egg albumen; egg lecithin and egg yolk.	YES			
Wheat and Wheat Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of Wheat flour; Wheat germ; Wheat germ oil; Wheat bran; Wheat gluten; Wheat thickener, Semolina, Whole wheat, Wheat starch; Hydrolysed Wheat protein; Rusk and all derivatives (including Dextrose, Starch and Malt dextrose).	YES		Yes	Completely segregated storage and processing
Gluten Free from means absolute absence of protein derived from Wheat; Wheat derivatives; Rye; Rye derivatives; Barley Protein; Barley derivatives; Oat Protein; Oat derivatives	YES		Yes	Completely segregated storage and processing
Glutamates Free from E620, E621, E622, E623	YES			
Soya and Soya Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of Soya; Soya beans; Soya protein products (Flour, Milk and Tofu); Soya derives Lecithin E322; Hydrolysed Soya Protein; Soya based flavours, emulsifiers and stabilizers.	YES			
Mustard Free from means absolute absence of Mustard and Mustard seed derivatives	YES			

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Is the product free from?	Yes / No	State ingredient	If not in product, used within same factory?	If used in factory, is there adequate segregation?
Celery, Celeriac Free from means absolute absence of Celery and Celeriac and their derivatives	YES			
Fruit and Fruit Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of Fruit and Fruit derivatives (including Kiwi)	NO	DATES		
Yeast and Yeast Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of Yeast and Yeast derivatives	YES			
Vegetables and Vegetable Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of Vegetables and Vegetable derivatives	YES			
Fish Excluding Shellfish Free from means absolute absence of fish, fish derivatives (including oils)	YES			
Crustaceans, Molluscs and their Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of seafood, seafood derivatives (including oils)	YES			
Alcohol Free from means absolute absence of alcohol	YES			
Hydrolysed Vegetable Protein State if derived from acid hydrolysis and a source of vegetable protein	YES			
Meat and Meat Derivatives Free from means absolute absence of all meat and meat derivatives including stocks; meat extract; gelatin; fat; blood; meat extract derived additives and meat extract used as a processing aid e.g. food machine lubricants.	YES			
Sulphur dioxide and sulphites State if the concentration is greater than 10mg/kg or 10 mg/l expressed as SO ₂ . This includes any 'naturally' occurring levels present.	YES		YES	YES
Lupin (Lupin Flour) Free from means absolute absence of lupin and its derivatives.	YES			

10.1 Special Dietary Information

Is the product suitable for	Yes / No	Detail
Ovo – lacto vegetarians	YES	
Vegans	YES	
Kosher Diets	YES	CERTIFIED
Halal Diets	YES	NOT CERTIFIED
Coeliac	YES	
Lactose Intolerant	YES	
Nut and sesame allergy sufferers	YES	

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11.0 NUT ASSESSMENT


(For the purpose of this assessment – Nuts = Almonds / Brazil / Cashew / Chestnuts / Cobnuts / Hazelnuts / Macadamia / Peanuts / Pecans / Pistachio / Queensland / Walnuts + all associated nut oils + including nuts / oil used in compound ingredients / processing aids).

	Yes	No	Comments (State nut types implicated)
This product is nut free	YES		
This product is packed on a nut free line	YES		
This product is packed in a nut free factory		NO	
Nut processing is completed in a segregated area of the factory with appropriate controls in place	YES		Nuts processed in separate unit on same site

12.0 GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

1. Does the product or any of its ingredients contain any Genetically Modified Material – Whether viable or not?	NO	
2. Is the product or any of its ingredients produced from, but not containing, any Genetically Modified Material – Whether Viable?	NO	
3. Has the product or any of its ingredients been significantly changed as a consequence of the use or Genetic Modification?	NO	
4. Have Genetically Modified Organisms been used as processing aids or additives to produce processing aids or additives used in conjunction with the production of the food or any of its ingredients?	NO	
GM STATUS CONTINUED - DOES THE PRODUCT CONTAIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INGREDIENTS		
5. IS THE INGREDIENT SOURCED FROM SOYA? Soya Flour/ Soya Milk / Tofu/ Bean Curds/ Soya Curds/ Soy extracts/ Tempeh/ Soya Grits/ Soya Fibre/ Soya Protein Isolate / Concentrates Soya Lecithin / Soya Oil/ Soy Sauce/ Black Bean Sauce Textured Vegetable Protein / Hydrolysed Vegetable Protein/ Miso	NO	
6. IS THE INGREDIENT SOURCED FROM MAIZE? Maize Flour / Maize Gluten/ Maize Grits/ Maize / Maize Starch Glycerides / Maize Oil/ Corn Oil/Modified Maize Starch/ Corn Syrup/ Corn gluten/ Corn grits/ Corn Syrup Solids/ Corn Fibre/ Sweetcorn/ Maltodextrins / Glucose Syrup / Glucose / Dextrin /Dextrose / Fructose / Xanthan Gum / Monosodium Glutamate / Citric Acid / Sodium Citrate / Ascorbic Acid / Ascorbates / Caramel (From Glucose Syrup)/ Aspartame/ Caramel/ Ethanol/ Hemicellulase/ Isoglucose/ Lactic Acid/ Masa Flour/ Polenta/ Polydextrose/ Polyols/ Sorbitol / Citrates/ Glucono delta lactone/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o IF FROM SOYA / MAIZE IS THE PRODUCT PRODUCED FROM NON-GM / IP CROP? o WHO IS THE SUPPLIER AND WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE MATERIAL? o HAS THE SUPPLIER/ MANUFACTURER BEEN ASSESSED BY A 3RD PARTY ASSESSOR IN RELATION TO NON-GM / IP STATUS? o HAS THE SUPPLIER/MANUFACTURER OF THE MATERIAL/ INGREDIENT RECEIVED VALID IT (VALIDIT.COM) APPROVAL? 	N/A N/A N/A N/A	
DOES THE PRODUCT CONTAIN ANY INGREDIENTS/ COMPOUNDS/ PROCESSING AIDS ORIGINATING FROM ANY OF THE SOURCES LISTED BELOW:	YES/NO	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
CANOLA COTTON POTATO SQUASH SUGAR BEET TOMATO SWEET PEPPER RICE PALM OIL	NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO YES* NO	VARIOUS – See ingredients
Detail any GM testing program for due diligence on this product if the material or any ingredient / compounds/ processing aids originate from any of the sources listed above:	* RICE FLOUR IS INSYTE APPROVED – REF. NO. 650258	

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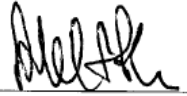
13.0 WARRANTY STATEMENT AND SPECIFICATION AGREEMENT:

Suitability for intended use must be checked by the buyer prior to use. Western Commodities Ltd cannot be held liable for any specific use.

The product, the manufacturing premises and distribution facilities will comply with the provisions of existing legislation and statutes, of either the United Kingdom or EC origin, and all Regulations, Statutory Instruments, Directives, orders, decisions or any other requirements made there under, which relate to, or control the nature, substance, quantity, quality, fitness for purpose, packaging, packing, labelling, sale, offering for sale, use, marking, constitution, importation, exportation, transportation, possession, dealing, make-up or trade description of such goods.

Specifications may be altered due to crop variations. Goods concessions may be allowed if they fail to meet specification due to reasonable variation, seasonal variation, general availability, and commercial considerations, providing that the product remains safe, that the product does not breach any legal constraints and provided the quality is not in variance for the intended clients stipulations (except and unless agreement with the client has been reached).

All products supplied will be subject to Western Commodities Ltd. conditions of sale.

SUPPLIER NAME	WESTERN COMMODITIES LTD	CLIENT NAME	
NAME	Richard Stoker	NAME	
SIGNATURE		SIGNATURE	
POSITION	Managing Director	POSITION	
DATE	04/01/2023	DATE	

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