



PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

PRODUCT:	Dates - Pitted
PRODUCT CODE(S):	F1300 (Bulk)
COUNTRY/COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN:	Iran/United Arab Emirates/Pakistan
Please note that the country of origin may differ from that specified due to seasonal shortages	
INTRASTAT CODE:	08041000
INGREDIENTS:	Dates, Sunflower Oil
Please note it is possible for these ingredients to change dependent upon brand or batch & availability; please refer to the packaging for confirmation	

DESCRIPTION:	Dates harvested at the appropriate state of maturity, sorted, cleaned and packed.
COLOUR:	Dark brown
APPEARANCE:	Dark Brown, some flaking may occur. Fruit naturally darkens and hardens towards the end of the season
TASTE:	Sweet, no bitter flavours
TEXTURE:	Firm and Chewy
SMELL:	Characteristic
ADDITIONAL INFO:	May contain fragments of pits.

BROKEN:	10% Max.
DEFECT:	Broken skin without exposed flesh allowed. De-shaped, mashed dates, small surface, rain damage skin checking, blemished skin.
EXTRANEIOUS MATTER:	1 part per carton Max
FOREIGN MATTER:	Absent
IMPURITIES:	1 date palm hair per 100kg max.
INFESTATION:	(dead) 2 parts per 500kg max.
MOISTURE:	18% Max.
PESTICIDES:	<0.01 (mg/kg)
PITS:	2 pits per carton max.
STONES:	Mineral stones possible
CADMIUM:	<0.1 (mg/kg)
LEAD:	<0.25 (mg/kg)

AEROBIC PLATE COUNT:	<10 ⁵ (cfu/g)
AFLATOXIN:	(Total) <4 (mg/kg)
BACILLUS CEREUS:	<1000 cfu/g
CLOSTRIDIUM	<100 cfu/g
ECOLI:	<20 (cfu/g)
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE:	<100 (cfu/g)
LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES:	Nil
MOULDS:	<1,000 (cfu/g)
OCHRATOXINE:	<2 (mg/kg)
SALMONELLA:	Absent in 25g
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS	<20 (cfu/g)
TOTAL COLIFORMS:	<100 (cfu/g)
TVC:	< 50,000 (cfu/g)
YEAST:	<1,000 (cfu/g)
STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS:	Cool, dry & hygienic; away from direct light & strong odours
PACKAGING DESCRIPTION:	Food grade blue PE liner, Telescopic corrugated cardboard carton.

	INNER		OUTER	
GROSS WEIGHT:	10	kg		
HEIGHT:			269	mm
WIDTH:			360	mm
DEPTH:			192	mm

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION			
(typical values per 100g)			
Energy	1002	kJ	
	235	kcal	
Fat	0.6	g	
Of which saturates	0.3	g	
Carbohydrate	58.7	g	
Of which sugars	58.0	g	
Fibre	7.5	g	
Protein	2.4	g	
Salt	0.03	g	

Does the product contain any of the following?	Present
Cereals containing Gluten: wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, kamut or their hybridised strain	N
Mollusc	N
Crustacean (shellfish and products thereof)	N
Egg and products thereof	N
Fish and products thereof	N
Soya (soy) beans & protein and products thereof	N
Milk & dairy (including lactose) and products thereof	N
Celery Seeds, celeriac and products thereof	N
Mustard Seeds and products thereof	N
Lupin and products thereof	N
Sesame Seed and products thereof	N
Nuts and products thereof (namely almond, hazelnut, walnut, cashew nut, pecan nut, brazil nut, pistachio nut, macadamia nut and Queensland nut)	F
Peanuts and products thereof	N
Added Sulphur Dioxide: (the product contains >10mg/Kg added Sulphur Dioxide in the form of SO ₂ , Sulphites (E220,E221, E222, E223, E224, E226, E227, E228)	F
Y = Present in product N = Not in product, not processed in same factory NS = Not in product, not sure if processed on same line / same factory L = Processed on same line F = Processed in same factory M = May contain from other sources (eg. crop rotation risk)	

ALLERGEN STATEMENT
Where products are indicated as not having an allergen present, this refers to the product not being formulated or wholly derived from the particular ingredient. Allergen handling policies and procedures are in place throughout the supply chain to reduce the likelihood of cross contamination, however this cannot be guaranteed.
Please refer to individual labels for more information.

GMO DECLARATION:	This product has been produced without the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) or their derivatives, nor been irradiated
ORGANIC CERTIFICATION:	Essential Trading Co-operative Limited is organically certified to EU Regulation 834/2007 by the Organic Farmers & Growers (GB-ORG-02)
CONDITIONS OF SALE:	All sales are made under Essential Trading Co-operative's Conditions of Sale & Terms of Trade (available upon request)

To the best of our knowledge the information contained herein is true and accurate. Essential Trading Co-operative Limited cannot assume liability for any loss or damage arising out of the use of this data & nothing contained herein shall be construed to imply warranty or guarantee.

All unprocessed commodities may contain impurities. It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure that they are fit for their intended use.

Specifications are updated according to the latest batch we stock. We cannot guarantee that the specifications match the product we have delivered to you due to stock rotation. For accurate information regarding specific batches, please contact Quality Assurance with the product code, batch details and invoice number.

Signature:

This specification supersedes all others issued or dated before it

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REASON FOR CHANGE:	Updated Country of Origin, Nutritional, Analytical and Microbiological
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