



# FINISHED PRODUCT SPECIFICATION CHOPPED DATES

## **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**

• Chopped dates derived from matured zahidi dates and mechanically pitted, sorted and chopped into different size groups with a light coat of rice flour.

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

• Dates 97% & Rice Flour 3%

# **PREPARATION & PROCESSING PROCEDURE:**

• Matured Zahidi Dates are fumigated, washed, pre-sorted, de-seeded, final-sorted, chopped and sized on vibrating sieves of various sizes and then packed into a sealed LDPE liner and into corrugated cartons.

#### SIZES:

- (1) 1-3 mm
- (2) 3-6 mm
- (3) 6-9 mm
- (4) 9-12 mm

## **PHYSICAL SPECIFICATION:**

| Color          | Orange/Brown Color   |
|----------------|--|
| Texture        | Soft and chewy   |
| Flavor         | Typical of Dates flavor, free from off or objectionable flavors        |
| Odor           | Typical of Dates odor, free from off or objectionable odors and taints |
| Moisture       | < 10 %   |
| Water Activity | < 0.5  |
| Foreign Matter | 20 pieces per ton  |

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# NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION:

| Parameter     | Unit      | Specification per 100g |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Energy Values | Kcal/100g | 331                    |
| Sugar         | g/100g    | 72.05                  |
| Protein       | %         | 2.9                    |
| Carbohydrates | %         | 79                     |
| Fat           | %         | <0.1                   |
| Saturated Fat | %         | Nil                    |
| Fiber         | %w/w      | 7.4                    |
| Sodium        | Ppm       | 180                    |
| Salt Content  | %         | 0.43                   |

## **CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:**

| Parameter         | Unit  | Specification |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|
| Lead, Pb          | Mg/kg | <0.1          |
| Cadmium, Cd       | Mg/kg | <0.1          |
| Aflatoxin B1      | ppb   | Nil           |
| Aflatoxins        | ppb   | Nil           |
| Pesticide Residue | -     | Nil           |





## MICROBIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES:

| Yeasts           | <10 CFU/g    |  |
|------------------|--------------|--|
| Moulds           | <10 CFU/g    |  |
| Escherichia Coli | Not Detected |  |
| Salmonella       | Negative     |  |

#### **GMO STATUS:**

Not Modified

#### **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:**

• United Arab Emirates

# PACKAGING:

#### SIZE & TYPE

50g - LDPE Retail Pillow Pack

5kg – 5ply Corrugated Carton with heat sealed inner blue LDPE Poly liner

## ALLERGEN STATUS:

• No Known Allergens

# STORAGE LIFE (UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS):

• 18 Months from Date of Production.

# STORAGE:

• Clean, dry, cool area, free from infestation.

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