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Product Specification : Mate Leaf - Cut

Product Information

Product : **Mate Leaf - Cut**

Latin : *Ilex paraguariensis*

Additional Ref : **NA**

Constituents/Plant Part : **Leaf**

Country of Origin 1 : **Argentina**

Cultivation Technique : **ORGANIC**

*Please note that the country of origin may differ from that specified due to seasonal shortages

Organoleptic Description

Appearance : **Olive green to brown leaf fragments**

Texture : **Friable leaf particles**

Flavour : **Indistinct**

odour : **Characteristic**

Type : **Typical**

Processing

Drying Method : **Warm Air**

Cut Size : **Coarse cut**

Further Treatment : **None apart from cutting**

Full batch traceability is available

Microbiological Analysis

Products are subject to routine organoleptic and microbiological analysis. Certificates of analysis are available on request.

Organic Partners Maximum Acceptable

Microbiological Limits (cfu/g), * Not routinely Tested

Micro Tested :

TVC : **1.00E+07**

E Coli : **1.00E+02**

Salmonella : **Negative in 25g**

Yeasts : **1.00E+05**

Moulds : **1.00E+05**

* *Staph Aureus* : **<20**

* *Enterobacteriaceae* : **1.00E+05**





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Metal Detection

Products are subject to routine metal detection

Metal Detector Sensitivity Fe 3.5mm, Non Fe 5.5mm, S/S 5.0mm

Packaging

Outer Liner: White polypropylene Sack

Outer Seal: Non Resealable Cable Tie

Inner Liner: Blue Polythene Liner

Inner Seal: Releasable Cable Tie

In addition to the above please note the following:

All bags are clearly identified to show contents, weight, batch/lot number and cultivation technique.

Recommended Shelf Life

Recommended Shelf Life From Date **2 years +**
Of Sale :

Product Shelf Life Recommendations*: Uncut Herbs: 2 1/2 years

Processed/Cut Herbs and Spices: 2 years

Seeds and Roots: 3 years

Recommended Storage*: Protect from exposure to pests and extremes of moisture, light and temperature.

Optimal: Temperature, light and humidity controlled. Stored so as to allow free air flow around product.

Free From Declaration

This product is free from the **All animal products and by products including**
following : **Any bovine products or by products (including milk and milk derivatives)**
Eggs or egg derivatives
Fish/crustaceans/molluscs and their derivatives
Cochineal
Gluten, wheat or wheat derivatives
Maize or maize derivatives
Soya or soya derivatives
Artificial colours and artificial flavourings
Added natural colours and natural flavourings
Preservatives (including sulphites, benzoates etc)
Antioxidants
MSG and other glutamates





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Free From Declaration (cont)

Yeast or yeast extract

Added salt and added sugars

Nuts and their derivatives including cold pressed nut derived oils

Seeds and their derivatives including cold pressed seed derived oils

GMO Declaration

This product is not genetically modified nor does it contain genetically modified processing agents. This has been verified by the following measures:

1. Traceability/Identity preservation system (including adequate separation)
2. Equivalent declaration from previous supplier

Dietary Info

This product is suitable for the following diets:

Vegetarian and ovo-lacto vegetarian Low Sodium

Vegan, Diabetic, Coeliac

Organic Certification

Organic Partners is certified by the Soil Association for the importation, processing and distribution of the named product.

Soil Association Certification Number : P9397

Declaration

I declare that the information given is believed to be correct as of the date : 05 Mar 2007

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