



Specialists in *organic* and *ethically* traded *herbal* ingredients

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Product Specification : Peppercorns, Green - Whole

Product Information

Product : Peppercorns, Green - Whole

Latin : Piper nigrum

Additional Ref : NA

Constituents/Plant Part : Fruit

Country of Origin 1 : India

Cultivation Technique : ORGANIC

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

Organoleptic Description

Appearance : Dull green to blackish green colour

Texture : Wrinkled

Flavour : Spicy

odour : Mildly pungent

Type : Typical

Processing

Drying Method : Warm Air

Cut Size : Uncut

Further Treatment : None

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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Aflatoxin Analysis

Products are subject to routine organoleptic and microbiological analysis. Aflatoxin analysis is carried out on the scheduled products listed. Certificates of analysis are available on request.

Aflatoxin Limits µg/kg : B1/TOTAL

Aflatoxin Tested :

Dried tree and vine : **Aflatoxin B1: 2 / Total: 4**

Capsicum spp. (dried fruits thereof whole or ground incl. chillies, chilli powder, cayenne and paprika) : **Aflatoxin B1: 5 / Total: 10**

Piper spp. (fruits thereof including white and black pepper) : **Aflatoxin B1: 5 / Total: 10**

Myristica fragrans (nutmeg) : **Aflatoxin B1: 5 / Total: 10**

Zingiber officinale (ginger) : **Aflatoxin B1: 5 / Total: 10**

Curcuma longa (turmeric) : **Aflatoxin B1: 5 / Total: 10**

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 Of Sale : **2.5 years +**

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.





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Free From Declaration

This product is free from the following : **All animal products and by products including**
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
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





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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 : 16 Apr 2007

Name: Mike Brook

Position: Managing Director

