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Technical Specification		
<b>Product:</b> Romanesco Floret 20-40mm IQF	<b>Last Update:</b> 31/01/2023	<b>Product Code:</b> ROM001

**PACK SIZE** 1 x 10kg;

**ORIGIN:** Spain

**GENERAL** The product shall be prepared from fresh sound raw material that is free from all toxic residues and taints and shall comply with all current UK/EU Food Legislation. The product is intended to be used as ingredient that is further processed and heat-treated before final consumption (minimum of +75°C for 30 seconds).

**INGREDIENTS** Romanesco 100% Declare as: Romanesco  
(*Brassica oleracea* var. *Convar Botrytis*)

**PROCESSING** Romanesco is harvested by hand and transferred to floretting stations or directly to the factory to be floretted. Each load is sampled and assessed for foreign material and physical defects. The load is then cleaned, blanched, frozen and filled into bulk palletainers. The frozen florets are sampled and assessed against specification. The palletainers are then labelled and transferred to the cold store, where they are stored at -18°C until required for packing.

**PACKING** During packing, the romanesco is inspected before weighing and filling into blue poly lined cartons. The cartons are Best Before and Production date coded, check weighed and metal detected, palletised and stretch wrapped before being returned to store at -23°C to await despatch to the UK at -18°C.

#### **DEFECT TOLERANCES**

##### **Per 1000g**

Clumps	4
Foreign Matter	Nil
E.V.M.	2
Stalk/Core	3%w/w
Major Blemish/Damage	3
Minor Blemish	10
Poorly Trimmed	5% w/w
Loose & Ricey	5% w/w
Colour Variants	5% w/w
Out of size	20%w/w
Dust (<10mm)	5%w/w

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## **DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS**

### **Clumps**

These are two or more florets fused together by freezing or where a number of broken pieces or dust is fused together to give a clump larger than 25g.

### **Foreign Material**

This includes any material not derived from the cauliflower plant or defined as EVM, such as insects, pieces of insects, wood, glass, stones, metal, snails, slugs or any other material which will render the product unacceptable.

### **Extraneous Vegetable Matter (EVM) and Whole Stalk**

This includes any harmless vegetable material other than the cauliflower florets, such as pieces of cauliflower leaves and attached or unattached core.

### **Stalk/Core**

Any unattached piece of stalk/core between 15mm and 25mm in the largest dimension.

### **Major Blemish**

A floret that is defective to a major degree is one that bears pronounced blemishes caused by disease or insects or other factors to the extent that the affected area or areas in aggregate total is greater than 6mm diameter or has 50% or more of the curd missing.

### **Minor Blemish**

A floret which is defective to a minor degree is one which bears blemishes caused by disease or insects or other factors to the extent that the affected area or areas in aggregate total is greater than 2mm and less than 6mm diameter. Blemishes of less than 2mm may be ignored.

### **Poorly Trimmed**

Florets with a ragged stalk end or with a heel attached to the stalk or with leaves extending beyond the curd.

### **Loose & Ricey**

Florets which either have a loose, open flower-like structure or a ricey appearance.

### **Colour Variants**

Colour variants are florets that have significant discolourations of green, pink, distinct yellow or grey to the floret surface or which have significant discolourations of green, purple or grey to the stalk. They are also florets that are significantly different in colour from the bulk of the sample.

### **Undersize**

Any unit which is less than 20mm. Undersize units are measured across the widest part of the biggest dimension of the floret.

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**Oversize**

Any unit which is greater than 40mm. Oversize units are measured across the widest part of the smallest dimension of the floret.

**ORGANOLEPSIS** (Carried out on a thawed sample.)

**COLOUR**

Bright, green/white florets. There may be very slight non-uniformity in colour amongst florets and/or amongst the stalks.

**FLAVOUR**

Full characteristic slightly sweet Romanesco flavour.

**TEXTURE**

Tender, firm florets and stalk, yielding to the bite.



Average sample

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### **MICROBIOLOGICAL**

<b>Organism</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
<i>TVC @ 30°C</i>	$5 \times 10^5$	$1.5 \times 10^6$
<i>Total Coliforms</i>	$1 \times 10^3$	$5 \times 10^3$
<i>E. coli</i>	$1 \times 10^1$	$1 \times 10^2$
<i>Listeria mono</i>	Absent in 25g	$1 \times 10^2$
<i>Salmonella</i>	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g

**ANALYTICAL** Product shall be blanched to give a trace positive peroxidase reaction (guaiacol test) between 60 and 90 seconds.

**WEIGHT CONTROL** The product shall be packed to minimum weight.

**METAL DETECTION** All cartons shall be passed through a metal detector. The system shall be tested at least every 2 hours using ferrous, non-ferrous and stainless-steel test pieces.

**BEST BEFORE DATE** The product shall be twenty-four months following the month of packing. Minimum BB date on delivery: 6 months.

**TRACEABILITY INFO** Production date or Lot number printed on the label as well as customer order number and/or delivery date.

**STORAGE CONDITIONS** Keep frozen at - 18°C at all times.

**CARTON LINERS** Blue food grade polythene liner of a minimum thickness of 30µm.

**CARTONS** Corrugated fibreboard of glued construction, no metal staples to be used. Shall be sealed using blue adhesive tape.

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## **NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION**

This data conforms to the requirements of EC Council Directive 90/496/EEC

100g of uncooked romanesco typically contains: -

Parameter	Value / 100g	Methodology
Energy - kcal	31	USDA Database Release 28
Energy - kJ	130	USDA Database Release 28
Moisture	89.79g	USDA Database Release 28
Carbohydrate	6.09g	USDA Database Release 28
- as sugars	3.03	USDA Database Release 28
Fat	0.03g	USDA Database Release 28
Protein	2.95g	USDA Database Release 28
Fibre	3.2g	USDA Database Release 28
Sodium	23mg	USDA Database Release 28
Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>	0.22mg	USDA Database Release 28
Vitamin C	88.1mg	USDA Database Release 28
Thiamin	0.08mg	USDA Database Release 28
Riboflavin	0.10mg	USDA Database Release 28
Niacin	0.73mg	USDA Database Release 28
Pantothenic Acid	0.70mg	USDA Database Release 28
Calcium	33mg	USDA Database Release 28
Phosphorus	62mg	USDA Database Release 28
Iron	0.73mg	USDA Database Release 28
Magnesium	20mg	USDA Database Release 28
Zinc	0.64mg	USDA Database Release 28
Potassium	300mg	USDA Database Release 28

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### **GMO DECLARATION**

I confirm that this product is not genetically modified or produced from genetically modified organisms. No genetically modified organisms have been used as processing aids or additives. This product does not require specific GM labelling as per Regulation (EC) 1829/2003.

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 


Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

### **IRRADIATION POLICY**

I confirm that the product supplied by Foodnet Limited under this specification has not undergone any irradiation treatment or process. I further confirm that no ingredient or processing aid used in conjunction with this product has undergone irradiation treatment.

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

### **COSHH Data**

Treat as you would any frozen material i.e. if engaged in prolonged handling of the fruit wear gloves.

Care should be used when lifting full cases of frozen fruits.

There are no other perceived COSHH implications regarding the use of frozen fruits.

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## **FOOD INTOLERANCE**

<b>Food Intolerance Data</b>				
Does the material supplied contain any of the following? (NO) Absent, (YES) Present				
<b>Allergen</b>	<b>NO / YES</b>		<b>Reason for presence if YES</b>	
Milk & Milk Derivatives	NO			
Egg & Egg Derivatives	NO			
Animal Products (*)	NO			
Fish/Shellfish/Crustations/Molluscs	NO			
Cereals (**)	NO			
Gluten	NO			
Yeast/Yeast Extract	NO			
Soya/Soya Derivatives	NO			
Fruit & Fruit Derivatives	NO			
Beef & Beef Products	NO			
Pork & Pork Products	NO			
Lamb & Lamb Products	NO			
Poultry & Poultry Products	NO			
Legumes	NO			
Peanuts	NO			
Sulphite >10ppm	NO			
MSG	NO			
BHA / BHT	NO			
Benzoates	NO			
Glutamates	NO			
Azo & Coal Tar Dyes	NO			
Added Colour	NO			
Added Flavour	NO			
Preservatives	NO			
Antioxidants	NO			
Added Salt	NO			
Nuts/Nut Oils	NO			
Caffeine	NO			
Sesame Products	NO			
Garlic	NO			
Poppy Seeds	NO			
Mustard	NO			
Celery/Celериac	NO			
Lupins	NO			
*Including any product derived from slaughtered animals, e.g. gelatine, rennet				
**Including wheat, corn, barley, rye, oats, etc.				
<b>Please be aware the manufacturing sites we supply this item from may handle allergens in production. Procedures are in place to prevent cross-contamination.</b>				
<b>Is this product Suitable for:</b>				
<b>Vegans</b>	Yes (Not certified)	<b>Vegetarians</b>	Yes	<b>Organic</b> No
<b>Halal</b>	Yes (Not certified)	<b>Kosher</b>	Yes (Not certified)	

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### **FOOD ADDITIVES**

<b>E. Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>In Which Ingredient</b>	<b>Function in Ingredient</b>	<b>Function in Final Product</b>	<b>% In Final Product</b>

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Signed on behalf of Foodnet Ltd:

Name: Gianluca Oberto

Job Title: Technical Manager

Signature: 

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Signed on behalf of the Customer:

Name:

Job Title:

Signature:

Date:

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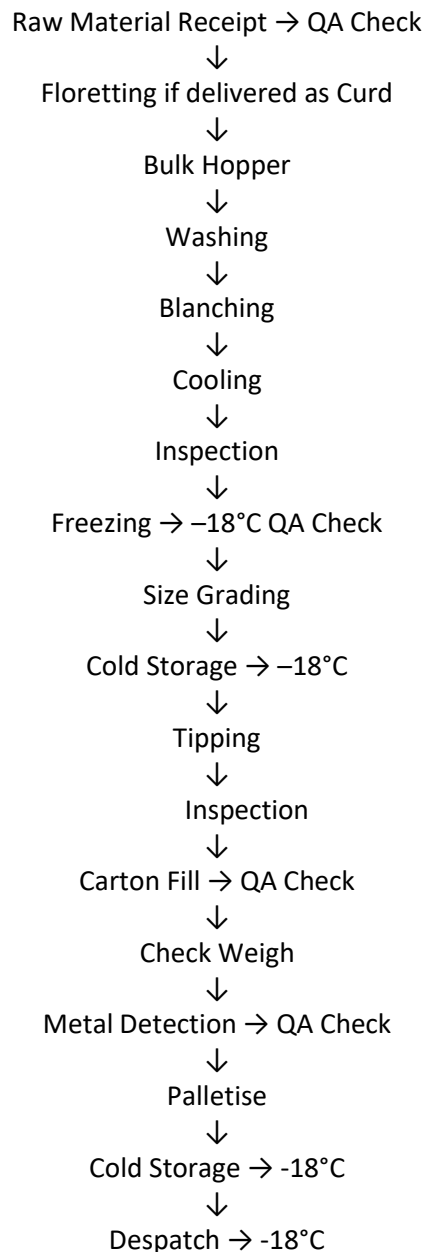
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## PROCESS INFORMATION

### PROCESS FLOW CHART\*

\*Note: this is a generic flow chart which does not refer to any specific production site.

#### ROMANESCO FLORETS



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**Issues & Amendments**

Issue N°	Amend. N°	Date	Amendments	Compiled by
1	1	01/02/2016	New entry	G. Oberto
2	1	01/05/2017	Defect tolerances – minimum ref samples; Reviewed BB and Traceability info. Added Storage Conditions. Reviewed Food Intolerance table, Flow Chart and Amendment table.	G. Oberto
3	1	31/01/2020	3 Year update – general revision	G. Oberto
4	1	31/01/2023	3 Year update – general revision	F. Soares

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