



ARDO PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Rhubarb red

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The whole red rhubarb stalks without leaves and foot-ends are cutted in pieces, washed and IQF frozen to -18°C. The product is unblanched.

Length: 13 mm

Diameter: < 25 mm (measured on smallest size)

DEFINITIONS OF DEFECTS

- a) F.M.: such as wood, stones, glass,... and harmful vegetable matter.
- b) E.V.M.: vegetable matter of the plant and other vegetable matter.
- c) Clumps: 3 or more pieces of rhubarb welded together, such that they cannot be readily separated without damage to the product.
- d) Major blemish: Aggregate area greater than 10 square mm, which is black/dark brown/dicoloured or diseased. Cause can be mechanical, wind damage or any other.
- e) Woody: External bruising (possibly from wind rub) resulting in woody scar tissue which may penetrate 1-2 mm into the stem, and has a hard woody texture.
- f) Foosy: Soft rhubarb which has internal holes throughout the stem, usually over-mature. Easily checked by pressure from thumb and forefinger.
- g) Heel or leaf pieces: any rhubarb stem with part of the leaf knot or a part of the heel attached.
- h) Badly cut.
- i) Length >16mm.
- j) Length < 10 mm

TOLERANCES OF DEFECTS Max per 1000 g

- a) Nil
- b) 0 pcs
- c) 3 pcs
- d) 6 pcs
- e) 1 pcs
- f) 1 pcs
- g) 0 pcs
- h) 60 g
- i) 100 g
- j) 100 g

<u>NUTRITIONAL VALUE</u> Average per 100 g		<u>%RI*</u>
Energy	: 44 kJ / 11 kcal	1%
Fat	: 0,1 g	<1%
Saturated fat	: traces	
Carbohydrates	: 0,8 g	<1%
Sugars	: 0,8 g	01%
Fibres	: 1,4 g	
Proteins	: 0,9 g	2%
Salt	: 0,01 g	<1%

*RI: Reference intake of an average adult (8400kJ/2000kcal).

DECLARATION OF ALLERGENS

Allergen included in ANNEX II of the directive EU 1169/2011	Present in end product due to ingredients		Nature of the constituent	Unintended presence	
	YES	NO		YES	NO
Gluten		X			X
Crustaceans		X			X
Eggs		X			X
Fish		X			X
Peanuts		X			X
Soybeans		X			X
Milk		X			X
Nuts		X			X
Celery		X			X
Mustard		X			X
Sesame		X			X
Sulphur Dioxide (>10 ppm)		X			X
Lupine		X			X
Molluscs		X			X

DECLARATION OF NON-GMO

Hereby Ardo declares that none of our products, produced, packed, delivered and sold are genetically modified. None of the ingredients contain any genetically modified organism. No biotechnology or processing agents produced by means of gentechonology have been used during production. The product complies with the European non-GMO regulation (EG) nr. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003.

CHEMICAL DATA

Pesticide residue

We hereby declare that the products, supplied by Ardo, are conform to relevant legislation currently in force in the EC. Pesticides used shall be conform to the EC approved list and not exceed the MRL's defined by the EC in the finished material supplied.

Declaration on heavy metals

We hereby declare that all products ,supplied by Ardo, are conform to the EC-legislation and that they do not exceed the heavy metal tolerances defined by the EC.

MICROBIOLOGICAL STANDARDS

	Target	Maximum
Aerobic plate count	50.000 / g	500.000 / g
Enterobacteriaceae	500 / g	1.000 / g
E. Coli	10 / g	50 / g
Yeasts	5.000 / g	50.000 / g
Moulds	1.000 / g	10.000 / g
Listeria monocytogenes	10 / g	100 / g
Salmonella	Absent / 25 g	Absent / 25 g

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