ardo	**PRODUCT SPECIFICATION**	number:	904
		initials:	RD
		date:	6/10/2023

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1. Description

Product description	IQF Basil	
Process description	The fresh basil leaves are washed, sorted, spin-dried and individually quick-frozen.	
Latin name	*Ocimum basilicum L.*	
Composition	*size*	%
	1-6mm	100%

Vegetarian/vegan information	The product is suitable for vegetarians and vegans.
Organic	Not applicable

2. Microbiological standards (cfu/g)

	MAXIMUM
Escherichia coli	100
Listeria monocytogenes	10
Salmonella	absent/25g

3. Chemical standards

Pesticides	in accordance with EC regulation 396/2005 and its modifications
Heavy metals, mycotoxins and nitrates	in accordance with EC regulation 2023/915 and its modifications
GMO	the product is free from gmo, according to the EC regulations 1829/2003 and 1830/2003 and its modifications
Irradiation	the product is not irradiated

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4. Sensorial standards

Per 50 g (frozen)	
Colour	characteristic green to dark green
Flavour/Odour	typical of fresh basil
Texture	typical of fresh basil, tender, free flowing

5. Average nutritional values

Basil	**per 100 g**	**unit**	**% RI* per 100 g**	**RI***
Energy	143	kJ	2%	8400
Energy	34	kcal	2%	2000
Fat	0,5	g	1%	70
of which saturates	0,28	g	1%	20
Carbohydrate	2,7	g	1%	260
of which sugars	0,2	g	< 1%	90
Fibre	3,7	g	-	-
Protein	2,9	g	6%	50
Salt	0,02	g	< 1%	6

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

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6. Allergen information

Allergens according to the EU Regulation 1169/2011 and its modifications:	
	Product contains (+) or is free from (-)
Cereals containing gluten, namely: wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, kamut or their hybridised strains, and products thereof; except: 1/ wheat based glucose syrups including dextrose, 2/ wheat based maltodextrins, 3/ glucose syrups based on barley, 4/ cereals used for making alcoholic distillates including ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin.	-
crustaceans and products thereof	-
eggs and products thereof	-
fish and products thereof; except: 1/ fish gelatine used as carrier for vitamin or carotenoid preparations, 2/ fish gelatine or Isinglass used as fining agent in beer and wine	-
peanuts and products thereof	-
soybeans and products thereof; except: 1/ fully refined soybean oil and fat, 2/ natural mixed tocopherols (E306), natural D-alpha tocopherol, natural D-alpha tocopherol acetate, natural D-alpha tocopherol succinate from soybean sources, 3/ vegetable oils derived phytosterols and phytosterol esters from soybeans sources, 4/ plant stanol ester produced from vegetable oil sterols from soybean sources	-
milk and products thereof (including lactose); except: 1/ whey used for making alcoholic distillates including ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, 2/ lactitol	-
nuts i.e. almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, cashews, pecan nuts, brazil nuts, pistachio nuts, macadamia nuts and queensland nuts and products thereof; except: nuts used for making alcoholic distillates including ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin	-
celery and products thereof	-
mustard and products thereof	-
sesame seeds and products thereof	-
sulphur dioxide and sulphites at concentrations of more than 10 mg/kg or 10 mg/litre expressed as SO_2	-
lupin and products thereof	-
molluscs and products thereof	-

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7. Definitions of defects

Defect	Definition
Foreign material	This includes any non-vegetable material like insects, wood, glass, stones, metal, snails, etc.; and toxic vegetable material.
Foreign Extranious Vegetable Matter (FEVM)	This includes any vegetable material not derived from vegetable, and which is non-toxic. Examples are stalks pieces, leaves or pods,..
Free stalks<2cm	This includes stalks <2 cm from the plant, including white fibres of the inside of the stalks; leaf ribs are not considered as stalks.
Free stalks>2cm	This includes stalks >2 cm from the plant, including white fibres of the inside of the stalks; leaf ribs are not considered as stalks.
Discoloured pieces	This includes pieces which have clearly a different colour than the rest of the same ingredient

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8. Defects

Defect (*)	**Sample size**	**UOM**	**MAXIMUM**
Foreign material	50g	pcs/50g	Appropriate measures are taken to avoid FM
Foreign Extranious Vegetable Matter (FEVM)	50g	%	Appropriate measures are taken to avoid FM
Free stalks<2cm	50g	%	4
Free stalks>2cm	50g	pcs/50g	0
Discoloured pieces	50g	%	2,5

(*) Apart from the mentioned physical defects, all our products are in compliance with EU legislation and legislation from specific EU countries (example CTCPA from France)

9. Cooking instructions
Without defrosting, use as fresh herbs.

10. Storage instructions
-18°C, see BBD

11. Packing information
See packing specification

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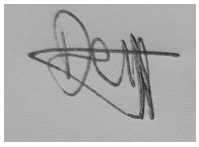
12. Approval

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