

Customer Specification: 8009
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#### **DESCRIPTION**

Wild Blueberries Random Size are prepared from size graded wild blueberries, harvested from low bushes (Vaccinium Angustifolium) which are cleaned, washed, sorted, and frozen by the IQF method. Wild Blueberries are an excellent source of vitamin C, dietary fiber, and antioxidants.

Blueberries shall be processed in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices, and shall comply with the applicable Canadian federal and provincial laws.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

<u>Cap:</u> Small stem (>2mm in length) by which a berry is attached to.

Cluster: Three or more joined cap stems with or without berries attached.

#### **PROCESS**

Wild Blueberries Random Size are prepared from native wild blueberries, which are cleaned, washed, and individually quick-frozen. When repackaging they are sized, sorted, inspected, and packaged into 30 lb. boxes.

## **FOOD SAFETY**

Wild Blueberries Random Size shall be compliant with all government-regulated limits for foreign material, pesticides, and heavy metals, and shall be free from poisonous or injurious matter.

Blueberries shall be compliant with all foreign material regulations of any government agencies having jurisdiction within the acknowledged destination, is free of poisonous or injurious matter, and processed in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices.

### **PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

<u>Size:</u> 6/32" (4.76mm) - 22/32" (17.5mm).

<u>Flavor:</u> Wild blueberry flavor, free of any off flavors or odors.

<u>Color:</u> Uniform dark blue/purple color typical of mature fruit.

Count/lb. (454g): 900 - 1200

<u>Crushed Berries:</u> Maximum 10%.

<u>Defects (per 500 g):</u> Green or Partially Green:  $\leq 5$ 

Foreign Berries:  $\leq 5$  Caps:  $\leq 11$  Clusters:  $\leq 2$ 

Damage: ≤ 10% by weight (dented, crushed, split)

Leaf Material:  $\leq \frac{1}{4}$  sq. in.

#### MICROBIOLOGICAL VALUES

Parameter	Max	Unit
Coliforms	<500	cfu/g
E. Coli	<10	cfu/g
Plate Count	<100,000	cfu/g
Yeast & Mould	<15,000	cfu/g

#### **PACKAGING**

Wild Blueberries Random Size are packed in a poly-lined, 30 pound corrugated carton, sealed with tape. Cartons are labeled with the product name, ingredient clause, net weight, name, and address of manufacturer, and the processing date code.

The food contact packaging shall be compliant with all packaging regulations of the government agencies having jurisdiction within the acknowledged destination.

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### **METAL DETECTION**

All cases of product shall be metal-detected at our facilities before storage in our warehouse freezers. Metal detectors are tested individually, and every hour, with three different disks. Each disk contains a ball bearing of diameter size 2.5mm ferrous, 2.5mm non-ferrous, and 3.0mm stainless steel.

### STORAGE

Wild Blueberries Random Size are individually quick-frozen, and stored at a temperature below 0  $^{\circ}$ F (-18  $^{\circ}$ C).

## **SHIPPING**

Wild Blueberries Random Size shall only be shipped on conveyance vehicles that are capable of maintaining a temperature of 0 °F (-18 °C) or colder.

Country of Sale: Canada

#### SHELF LIFE

Shelf life for Wild Blueberries Random Size is 3 years from the date packed.

# **ALLERGY & INTOLERANCE INFORMATION**

None.

# **INGREDIENT LISTING**

Wild blueberries.

# **KOSHER CERTIFICATION**

Product has been Kosher Certified.