

I. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Food product prepared from healthy, non-genetically modified natural dates (*Phoenix dactylifera*) fruits, with a uniform color, harvested at the appropriate stage of maturity, sorted, rid of perianth, washed, pitted, and ground. It is commonly used in confectionery, bakery, pastry, etc.

II. COMPOSITION, INGREDIENTS AND ORIGIN:

Date Paste is made solely from natural, dates sourced from Tunisia, with no additives or preservatives added. It is a purely Tunisian product, both in terms of raw materials and processing location.

III. SPECIFICATIONS AND ANALYSIS :

SENSORY INFORMATION	
Parameter	Specifications
Color	Brownish
Appearance	Typical, consistent paste
Flavor	Typical with no off flavors
Odor	Typical with no off odors
Texture	Homogeneous , smooth
MICROBIOLOGICAL INFORMATION	
Parameter	Specifications
APC (aerobic plate count)	≤ 1000 CFU/g
Yeast and Mold	≤ 100 CFU/g
Coliforms	≤ 10 CFU/g
E. coli	≤ 3 CFU/g
Staphylococcus	Negative/25g
Salmonella	Negative/25g
PHYSICOCHEMICAL INFORMATION	
Parameter	Specifications
Moisture	$< 20\%$
Water Activity	< 0.75
Impurities	Absence
Foreign material: stones, wood, plastic, hair, etc.	Absence
Metal	Absence
Pits or pit fragments	Absence
Infestation / Fermentation	Absence
Moldy or rotten dates	Absence
Allergen	Absence
Gluten	< 10 ppm
Heavy metals	Cd < 0.0050 mg/Kg; Hg < 0.0050 mg/Kg; Pb < 0.020 mg/Kg
Total Aflatoxin (B1, B2, G1, G2)	< 4 ppb

IV. NUTRITION FACTS:

NUTRITION FACTS INFORMATION PER 100 GR		
Parameter		Specifications
Proteins		2,2 g/100g
Fats		0,1 g/100g
Carbohydrates		69 g/100g
Fiber		2 g/100g
Phosphorus		50 mg/100g
Potassium		652 mg/100g
Calcium		71 mg/100g
Magnesium		63 mg/100g
Iron		2,1 mg/100g
Zinc		0,35 mg/100g
Copper		0,4 mg/100g
Vitamins	B1	0,09 mg/100g
	B2	0,05 mg/100g
	B3	2,2 mg/100g

V. STORAGE CONDITIONS AND SHELF LIFE:

Date Paste can be stored without alteration for up to 12 months at a temperature between 0 - 4°C from the packaging date. However, it is essential to ensure the cold chain is maintained (keep refrigerated at all times) and protect it from moisture (less than 70%) to prevent potential mold development.

VI. PRESENTATION (PACKAGING AND LABELING) :

Date Paste is packaged in such a way so as to protect the produce properly

Date Paste is packed in carton boxes of 10 Kg; each carton box contains two plastic (Polyethylene) bags of 5 Kg.

The material used inside the package is new, clean and of an alimentary quality (food grade) such as to avoid causing any external or internal damage to the produce.

Packages used are free of all foreign matter with the exception of that used to complete the presentation.

Each package or compartmented package must bear the labeling information required by the standards, and notably: Product Name; Net Weight; Manufacturer Name; Lot Identification; Date of production and Expiration date.

VII. IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTENDED USE:

According to the nutritional composition of the product, it is not advised for the diabetics, all the population can consume it (For direct human consumption and for industrial use in the preparation of other foods (confectionery, pastry, etc.)).

Date Paste is perfectly suitable for individuals following a vegan / vegetarian diet. It is simply made exclusively from pitted and ground dates, with no addition of ingredients of animal origin.

VIII. REFERENCES

CODEX STAN 143-1985 / TUNISIAN STANDARD NT 45.14 (2006) / CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
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If, for any reason, there are any modifications in product parameters, process, materials or specifications that may affect the accuracy of the above information, we are responsible for updating our records, including labels and specifications, and to inform you immediately.

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