

# RM Curtis & Co Ltd Product Specification

Product Information		
Product name	Roasted Nibbed Hazelnuts 2-4mm	
Product code	103537	
Product description	Roasted Nibbed Hazelnuts	
Legal name	Roasted Nibbed Hazelnuts	
Brand	N/A	
Pack size	12.5kg	

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Composition Table				
Component name	% In final	Grade	Country of origin	Additive or
	product			processing function
Hazelnuts	100	Roasted, nibbed	Turkey	
Compound ingredients:				
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Ingredient Declaration		
Roasted nibbed hazelnuts (100%)		

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Additive Table			
E-number	Name	Function	Amount (mg/kg)

Allergen Table			
Allergens	Contains	May contain	Does not contain
Cereals containing gluten*			✓
Crustaceans and products thereof			✓
Eggs and products thereof			✓
Fish and products thereof			✓
Peanuts and products thereof			✓
Soybeans and products thereof			✓
Milk and products thereof			✓
Nuts**	✓		
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			✓
Lupin and products thereof			<b>√</b>
Molluscs and products thereof			<b>√</b>

<sup>\*</sup>Namely: wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, kamut or their hybridised strains, and products thereof

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Does not contain' indicates that the allergen is not intentionally present as an ingredient and there is no probable risk of contamination.

	Dietary Suitability		
Dietary Principals	Suitable	Accredited	
Diabetics	Yes	No	
Vegetarian	Yes	No	
Vegan	Yes	No	
Kosher	Yes	No	
Halal	Yes	No	
Coeliac	Yes	No	
Organic	No	No	

<sup>\*\*</sup>Namely: almonds (Amygdalus communis L.), hazelnuts (Corylus avellana), walnuts (Juglans regia), cashews (Anacardium occidentale), pecan nuts (Carya illinoinensis (Wangenh.) K. Koch), Brazil nuts (Bertholletia excelsa), pistachio nuts (Pistacia vera), macadamia or Queensland nuts (Macadamia ternifolia), and products thereof

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Contains' indicates that the allergen is intentionally present as an ingredient.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;May contain' indicates a risk of contamination by an allergen not intentionally present as an ingredient.

Nutritional Information		
Parameter	Typical values per 100g	Source
Energy (kJ)	2819	Calculated
Energy (kcal)	673	Calculated
Protein (g)	15.0	USDA
Carbohydrates (g)	8.2	USDA
Starch (g)		
Sugar (g)	4.9	USDA
Fat (g)	62.4	USDA
Saturates (g)	4.5	USDA
Mono-unsaturates (g)	46.6	USDA
Poly-unsaturates (g)	8.5	USDA
Fibre (g)	9.4	USDA
Sodium (mg)	0.00	USDA
Sodium (g)	0.00	Calculated
Salt (mg)	0.00	Calculated
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## **Irradiated Material**

In compliance with directive 1999/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 February 1999 and all subsequent amendments on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning foods and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation, we confirm that this product has not been treated with ionising radiation and nor does it contain ingredients that have been treated with ionising radiation.

## **Genetically Modified Material**

In compliance with regulation (EC) No 1830/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2003 and all subsequent amendments concerning the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and the traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms, we confirm the following:

This product does not consist of and nor does it contain genetically modified material.

This product, including all ingredients, has not been produced from genetically modified material.

Genetically modified organisms have not been used as processing aids or used in connection with the production of this product or any of its ingredients.

Organoleptic parameters		
Flavour	Characteristic of roasted hazelnuts, free from objectionable foreign	
Tavoui	flavours	
Aroma	Characteristic of roasted hazelnuts, free from objectionable foreign	
Aloma	odours	
Typical profile descriptors	Nutty, roasted	
Appearance (including colour)	Brown pieces of hazelnut kernel, nominal size range 2-4mm. Colour	
Appearance (including colour)	achieved through roasting.	
Texture	Firm/crisp	

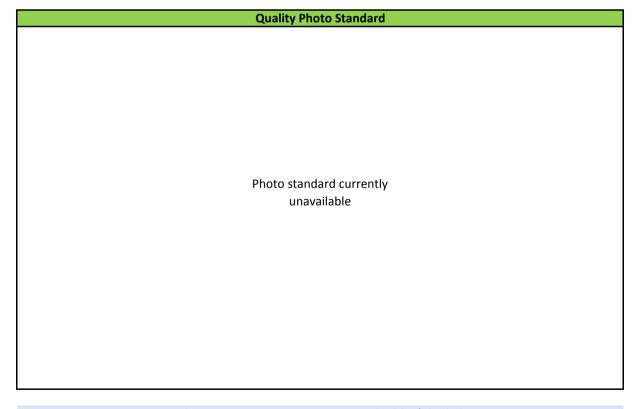
Size	Target	Max or range	Sample size
Length(mm)			
Width(mm)		2-4	
Height(mm)		2-4	
Diameter(mm)			
Whole			
Pieces			
Ground/fine			
Under or over sized pieces	<10%	10%	
Size count			
Retained on sieve size(mm)			
To pass through sieve size(mm)			
Any additional size criteria - detail below			

Material Defects	Target	Max or range	Sample size
Discoloured			
Rotten/mouldy	<1.5%	1.5%	
Broken or incomplete	<2%	2%	
Mechanically damaged or bruised			
Infestation - dead			
Evidence of insect damage			
Under developed			
Rancid/bitter/other undesirable flavours	<1%	1%	
Soft/rubbery/hard or other undesirable textures	<1%	1%	
Rancid/musky or other undesirable odours	<1%	1%	
Over roasted/burnt	<1%	1%	
Shrivelled			
Sugared berries			
Peduncles and part peduncles			
Residual free syrup			
Any additional material	defects - detail b	elow	

Foreign bodies and contaminants intrinsic to the product	Target	Max or range	Sample size
Total EVM	Absent	1 pc	Per tonne
Pips/seeds/pits and fragments thereof			
Skin	<10%	10%	
Stalk >10mm			
Stalk <10mm			
Total stalk			
Capstems			
Leaves			
Septa			
Shell and shell fragments	<10 pcs	10 pcs	1000kg
Any additional intrinsic foreign bodies - detail below			

Foreign bodies and contaminants extrinsic to the product	Target	Max or range	Sample size
Dust and grit			
Mineral stones >2mm			
Mineral stones <2mm			
Total mineral stones			
Any additional extrinsic foreign l	odies - deta	il below	

In all cases, parameters expressed as a percentage shall be taken as representative of a production batch.



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Microbiological Standards				
Criteria	Test method	Test frequency	Target	Maximum acceptable value
Aerobic Colony Count	BS EN ISO 4833:2003	Annual	<100,000 cfu/g	1,000,000cfu/g
Enterobacteriaceae	BS ISO 21528-2:2004	Annual	<10cfu/g	100cfu/g
E. Coli	BS ISO 16649-1:2001	Annual	<10cfu/g	100cfu/g
Salmonella Spp.	single selective enrichment in RV Broth and plating on XLD and BGA	Annual	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g
Yeast	BS 21527-1.:2008 or BS 4285-3	Annual	<1,000 cfu/g	10,000cfu/g
Mould	BS 21527-1.:2008 or BS 4285-3	Annual	<1,000 cfu/g	10,000cfu/g
Coliforms	BS ISO 4832:2006			
Coagulase Positive Staphylococci	BS EN ISO 6888-1:1999			
Bacillus Cereus	Based on Practical Food Microbiology 3rd edition 2003 or ISO 5763-11			
E. Coli 0157	EN ISO 16654-2001			

Chemical Parameters					
Criteria	Test frequency	Testing method	Maximum or range		
Moisture %		Oven or vacuum method	3		
Water activity (aW) %					
Free fatty acids (FFA) % in oleic	Annual	ISO 660:2009	1		
Peroxide value (PV) meq/kg	Annual	ISO 3960:2007	5		
рН		Electrometric method			
Brix					
% Solids					
Heavy metals - Arsenic		Atomic fluorescence			
Heavy metals - Cadmium		FAAS or ICP-OES			
Heavy metals - Lead		FAAS or ICP-OES			
Heavy metals - Mercury		Atomic fluorescence	Compliant with UK and		
Pesticides	Annual	Mass spectroscopy	EU legislative limits		
Ochratoxin A		HPLC Fluorescence Detection			
Aflatoxin B1	Annual	HPLC Fluorescence Detection			
Total aflatoxins	Annual	HPLC Fluorescence Detection			
Any ac	Any additional chemical parameters - detail below				

## Packaging Packaging Format Description Vacuum pack in a cardboard carton

Primary Packaging				
Food contact packaging material type	Plastic or foil			
Colour	Typically clear colourless	or silver		
Method of closure	Heat sealed			
Capacity per 'inner'	g		12.5	kg
Number of 'inners' per outer	1	•		·

Secondary Packaging		
Outer case/carton/bag packaging material type	Cardboard	
Colour	Typically brown or white	
Method of closure	Tape	
Capacity per 'outer' (kg)	12.5	

Barcode		
Consumer unit barcode	N/A	
Trade unit barcode	N/A	
Outer trade unit barcode	N/A	

The product shall be distributed in clean undamaged packaging. All primary packaging materials shall be food grade and of sufficient durability to ensure the integrity of the product. In compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004 and all subsequent amendments, materials and articles in contact with food shall not transfer their constituents to food in quantities which could endanger human health, bring about an unacceptable change in the composition of the food or bring about a deterioration in the organoleptic characteristics thereof. The labelling, advertising and presentation of a material or article shall not mislead consumers.

## Shelf Life and Storage Provide a description of the storage conditions required Cool dry ambient conditions away from direct sunlight and strong odours. All food products are prone to infestation and it is essential to check regularly during prolonged storage. Once opened, store in sealed containers and use within one month. Shelf life from production date (months) Il months or to BBE date indicated on package markings or release certificate Minimum shelf life on delivery (months) Recommended storage temperature range (°C) Recommended relative humidity range (%) 60-70

It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure appropriate storage conditions are maintained and no concern or complaint will be considered after 28 days from the point of delivery.

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### **Maximum Durability**

This is a long-life ambient product and there is generally no food safety concern associated with the use of this product beyond the recommended best before end date given. As with all food and beverage products, the organoleptic characteristics may change over time. The organoleptic changes that occur during storage will be influenced by the storage conditions that the product is subject to and in light of the fact that these conditions are beyond the control of RM Curtis, it is our position that:

A decision to use the products supplied beyond the best before end date stated may be taken at the sole discretion of the customer.

RM Curtis is not in a position to advise customers on a decision to use the products supplied beyond the best before date stated, and any such decision should be made by the customer.

RM Curtis accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage resulting from the use of goods beyond the best before end date stated.

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Approval on behalf of the customer		
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