

Cherry Central, Inc.

FINISHED PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

Product: DRIED RED TART CHERRIES, SWEETENED **Specification #:** FP 07-04

Effective Date: 09/03/2015 **Ingredient Sales** **Issue Date:** 11/21/2016

Product Description: Dried sweetened cherries are made from Montmorency red tart pitted cherries infused with cane sugar. They are dried to specified moisture, equalized and then packaged. Sunflower oil is used as a processing aid.

Food Safety: All production shall meet or exceed the applicable requirements of the U.S. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as amended. Final products approved for shipment shall be produced in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices under sanitary conditions to minimize the possibility of contamination.

All Cherry Central processing members, co-packers and warehouses are in compliance with the US FDA Bioterrorism and FDA Modernization Act of 2011.

Ingredient Statement: Dried Montmorency Red Tart Cherries, Sugar, Sunflower Oil

Cherries 78.0±3%***
Sugar 21.0±3%
Sunflower oil <0.5%
***Variation due to fruit maturity.

Analytical:

pH: 3.3 to 3.8

Moisture: 8% to 16%

Water Activity: <0.62

Oil: < 0.5% by weight

Physical Requirements:

Color: Typical red of sweetened dried red tart cherries

Flavor: Typical of sweetened dried red tart cherries

Defects: Harmless Extraneous Material
Max. 1 per 60 oz. dried fruit
Max 5% flat (by count)

Pits: 1 in 400 oz. (25 lbs.) dried fruit

Microbiological Requirements:

Total Plate Count	1000/g Max.
Coliform	10/g Max.
E. coli	< 3.0/g
Salmonella	Negative per 375g
Staph+	Negative per 25 g
Listeria	Negative per 25 g
Yeast and Mold	500/g Max

Packaging:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Net Weight</u>
Bulk	
-Poly lined carton	10, 20, 25 or 40 lbs

Container Coding:

An identifying code shall be stamped on each container.

X	XX	XXX	X	X
Year	Packer	Julian Date	Shift	(Internal Use)

Labeling:

Each carton shall be labeled with the following information:
-Packer Name and Address
-Product name
-Net Weight
-Ingredient Statement

Shelf Life:

Minimum 18 months when stored at $\leq 10^{\circ}$ C (50°F). Best quality will be maintained and shelf life extended when stored frozen or under refrigeration.

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Allergens:

There are no known allergens in this item. Produced at a facility that stores Chocolate and Yogurt (Milk) covered dried fruit in the same warehouse.

Gluten:

Dried Cherries are Gluten Free

GMO Statement:

Red Tart Cherries are not genetically modified. The sugar used is from GMO free sugar cane. The sunflower oil is from GMO free sources.

Country of Origin:

USA

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