



# FINISHED PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

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## Oregano Leaf, Extra Fancy

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### I. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Oregano Leaf, Extra Fancy, is prepared from the dried leaves of *Origanum* spp. The leaves are light green in color, and have a strong camphor-like aroma and a warm, pungent, and slightly bitter taste.

Ingredients: Oregano

### II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Product shall be manufactured, packaged, stored, and shipped in accordance with current good manufacturing practices promulgated under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act and it shall conform to amendments, thereto. This specification is based on current crop attributes and availability, and is subject to change due to uncontrollable conditions in source countries. This product is manufactured using a HACCP plan.

### III. CLEANLINESS REQUIREMENTS:

Light Filth:	< 5.0%	<u>Method Used</u>
Mammalian Excreta:	< 1 mg/lb	MPM-V32

### IV. PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Appearance:	Dried leaves	<u>Method Used</u>
Color:	Green	ALM S-2
Aroma:	Warm: Pungent	ALM S-2
Flavor:	Warm; Slightly Bitter	ALM S-2
Bulk Index:	550-650 mL/100g	ALM S-2
Granulation (On a USS#10):	5.0% max	ASTA 10.0
Granulation (Thru a USS#40):	10.0% max	ASTA 10.0

### V. CHEMICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Moisture:	12% max	<u>Method Used</u>
Acid Insoluble Ash:	2.0% max	ASTA 2.0
Volatile Oil:	2.0% min	ASTA 4.0
		ASTA 5.0

### VI. MICROBIOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Standard Plate Count:	<100,000 cfu/g	<u>Method Used</u>
Yeast & Mold:	<500 cfu/g	FDA B.A.M./AOAC
Coliforms:	<500 cfu/g	FDA B.A.M./AOAC
E. coli:	<10 cfu/g	FDA B.A.M./AOAC
Salmonella:	Negative/375g	FDA B.A.M./AOAC

### VII. RECOMMENDED STORAGE CONDITIONS:

Product should be kept in an area that is clean, cool, dry and free of insects, rodents, birds and penetrating odors.  
Shelf Life: 24 months

### VIII. PACKAGING INFORMATION:

Please contact customer service for various pack sizes. All labeling complies with New York State and U.S. FDA labeling regulations.

### IX. FOOD ALLERGENS AND SENSITIVE MATERIALS:

None

### X. NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION PER 100 GRAM:

To be furnished upon request