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## **PRODUCT SPECIFICATION**

## **CASSIA POWDER**

Cinnamomum cassia

**ORGANIC, STEAM TREATED** 

Cassia is a spice obtained from the dried bark of the tree *Cinnamomum cassia*, of family *Lauraceae*. Cassia's flavor is less delicate than that of Ceylon cinnamon with its thicker bark, which is more difficult to crush, sweeter and more pungent flavor and a rougher texture than that of Ceylon cinnamon.

Cassia comes in pieces of bark or sticks as neat quills which as against ceylon cinnamon are made up of only one thick layer. Because of its stronger taste and aroma, Cassia bark is used as a flavoring agent for confectionery, desserts, pastries, and in many curry recipes, where Ceylon cinnamon is less suitable

Cassia Powder is made by grinding Cassia quills into a dark brown fine powder. Cassia Powder is used as a cooking spice, in sweet and savory dishes.

#### **Product information**

| Ingredients        | Single ingredient, 100% Cinnamon Cassia  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Status             | 100% Organic, Pesticide residue free, Certified for NPOP, NOP, (EC) 834/2007 & (EU) 2018/848 standards   |  |  |
| Fumigation         | Not Treated with any Chemical. Naturally treated through EcO2 processing technique   |  |  |
| Product Processing | Produced and processed according to current Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), HACCP norms and regulations NPOP, NOP, (EC) 834/2007 & (EU) 2018/848 |  |  |
| Heat Treatment     | Steam treated  |  |  |

## **Organoleptic Description**

| Appearance | Brown, Fine, free-flowing powder |  |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Flavor     | Characteristic, Woody, Sweet     |  |
| Odor       | Characteristic, Woody, Aromatic  |  |

## Physical-Chemical Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

| Particle size            | 90 % min passing thru 50 mesh |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Moisture                 | 14 % max                      |  |
| Total Ash                | 7 % max                       |  |
| Acid Insoluble Ash (AIA) | 2 % max                       |  |

## Microbiological Characteristics<sup>2</sup>

| Total Plate Count – TPC (max) | < 50,000 cfu/g    |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Salmonella                    | Absent in 2x375 g |  |
| Yeast and Mould – Y&M (max)   | < 500 cfu/g       |  |
| Coliforms (max)               | < 100 cfu/g       |  |
| E. coli (max)                 | < 10 cfu/g        |  |
| Enterobacteriaceae (max)      | < 10 cfu/g        |  |
| Staphylococcus aureus (max)   | < 10 cfu/g        |  |

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## Mycotoxins<sup>3</sup>

Product is routinely checked for Aflatoxin and Ochratoxin and it complies with the regulations of the destination country.

### GM declaration<sup>3</sup>

To the best of our knowledge this product is non-GM and does not contain GM processing agents. This has been verified by organic certification and by traceability/identity preservation systems including adequate separation.

### Allergens statement<sup>3</sup>

Free of any known Allergens.

#### **Shelf life**

Products are supplied with a minimum of 24 months to recommended shelf life (shown on product label) when stored sealed in original packaging under proper storage conditions. To maintain the product in best condition it is advisable to protect it from exposure to pests and extremes of moisture, light and temperature.

### **Product packaging**

20 - 25 kg, PP Kraft Bags with heat sealed inner poly liner as Bergwerff standard. Other options can be suggested.

Any other mandatory requirements will be complying to the respective regulations of the destination country.

#### Note

- <sup>1</sup>Testing shall be with reference to the methods prescribed in the manuals of ASTA, ESA, AOAC and Bergwerff.
- <sup>2</sup>Testing shall be with reference to the methods prescribed in the manuals of USDA BAM, AOAC and Bergwerff.
- <sup>3</sup>These tests are performed when required. Certificates of Conformance are available on request.

#### Special remarks

The content of this specification is based on typical information for this product and results obtained from our own due diligence sampling, assessment, and testing protocols, in addition to any testing/sampling that has been undertaken by our supplier.

However, due to the nature of this product, which is not completely homogenous, test results are indicative / referral and may not be entirely representative of the product throughout the lot. In addition, the content of this Specification does not confirm or ensure that the product is safe for all intended uses other than as Spice and Condiment.

Our quality and technical documentation does not relieve the customer of their responsibilities to check that the goods supplied are suitable and considered safe for their intended use before purchase. The data provided is for information only.

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