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# **PRODUCT SPECIFICATION**

# **FENUGREEK SEEDS**

# Trigonella foenum-graecum ORGANIC, STEAM TREATED

Fenugreek, *Trigonella foenum-graecum* is an annual plant in the family *Fabaceae*. Its seeds and leaves are used as a culinary ingredient since ancient times.

Fenugreek seeds are Cuboid-shaped, yellow to amber colored and are used both in whole and powdered form as spice and/or spice blends. They are often roasted to reduce inherent bitterness and to enhance flavor. Fenugreek seeds are a rich source of protein (23 g, 46% DV), dietary fiber, B vitamins, and dietary minerals such as manganese and iron.

### **Product information**

Ingredients	Single ingredient, 100% Fenugreek Seeds		
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	Cuboid, yellow- amber seeds with an almost diagonal furrow.
Flavor	Slippery, thick mouthfeel with Characteristic bitter
Odor	Bitter, Maple type

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

Particle size	2-4 mm
Moisture	11 % max
Total Ash	7 % max
Acid Insoluble Ash (AIA)	1.5 % 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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