

MEAL SPECIFICATION

CHICKEN TIKKA WITH RICE

126g Pack - EFD Product No. 801100 - 801101

GENERAL INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME	Freeze Dried Meal – Diced Chicken Breast with Rice in a Spicy Tikka Curry Sauce.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION	A shelf stable freeze dried complete meal in a pouch. Designed to be rehydrated by the addition of hot water and served straight from the pouch.
MANUFACTURING PROCESS	A range of quality ingredients is batch cooked according to a defined recipe and the product frozen prior to freeze drying. The dry product is metal detected and weighed into pouches, which are then heat sealed. Pouches contain an oxygen scavenger to provide a protective atmosphere.
SHELF LIFE	For unopened, undamaged bags, stored as recommended, 7 years from date of production.
IRRADIATION	The product is not irradiated.
GMO	This product does not contain any genetically modified material.
NANO TECHNOLOGY	This product does not contain any Nano material
ALLERGENS / products associated with FOOD INTOLERANCE	This product is free from contamination with allergens unless specified in attached table "Declaration of Allergens". Also note "Declaration of Sensitive Content" below.

INGREDIENTS

Rice (30%), Onions, Chopped Tomatoes, Cooked Chicken (11%), Cream (**Milk**), Yoghurt (**Milk**), Rapeseed Oil, Tikka Masala Paste (3%) – (Spirit Vinegar, Tomato Paste, Sunflower Oil, Ginger, Garlic, Coriander, Garam Masala, Coriander Ground, Sugar, Paprika Ground, Sea Salt, **Milk** Powder Skimmed, Lemon Juice Concentrate, Cumin Seed Ground, Fenugreek Ground, Cardamom Ground, Chilli Powder, Lactic Acid, Bay Leaves, Thickener (Xanthan Gum) Preservatives (Ascorbic Acid, Potassium Sorbate), Garlic, Cornflour, Chilli Powder.

PACKAGING

POUCH	<p>Meals are individually packed in a gusseted stand up pouch constructed from a laminate of the following materials;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 micron treated polyester 9 micron Aluminium foil 15 micron BON 98 micron Linear Low Density Polyethylene Metallocence Interlayer adhesive. <p><u>Pouch Specification Details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimensions - 205mm x 240.5mm
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tear notches each side of pack for ease of opening • Zipper 75mm from the top to permit resealing • Gusset of 47.5mm, extending to 95mm when pack open • Euro-slot (35mm max width x 10mm max. height) located 9mm from top of pouch. • Suitable for direct contact with foodstuffs and compliant with all relevant FDA and EU food packaging legislation. • To ensure product freshness, each pouch contains an oxygen scavenger packet, designed for food use (contains activated iron powder, silicon dioxide, activated carbon, electrolyte materials). • The pouch is designed for the addition of boiling water (100°C) to rehydrate a freeze dried product. • No odour or taste can be transferred from the structure of the packaging during its use cycle.
POUCH LABELLING	<p>Each pouch is labelled with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Name of Product • Net Weight • Full Preparation Instructions • Best Before Date • Batch Reference • Nutritional information • Ingredients • Allergen Advice • Storage instructions • Company details
EXTERNAL PACKAGING	<p>Food grade packaging materials used throughout. Cardboard cartons are glued and taped - no staples in any form. Palletised in accordance with commercial requirements. Pallets are of sound quality and are covered with a cardboard or thick PE-layer and shrink-wrapped.</p>
EXTERNAL PACKAGING MARKING	<p>Each carton is marked with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier's Name • Product Name • Product Code • Production Date • Best Before Date • Number of Pouches per Carton
STORAGE CONDITIONS	<p>Store unopened, cool and dry.</p>

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NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION

Typical Values	Per 100g Dry	Per 126g Pack as Prepared
Energy	2000kJ 477kcal	2520kJ 601kcal
Fat	20.59g	25.9g
of which saturates	5.1g	6.4g
Available Carbohydrate	49.33g	62.2g
of which sugars	5.83g	7.3g
Fibre	5.45g	6.9g
Protein	20.92g	26.4g
Salt	1.1g	1.4g

QUALITY STANDARDS

Critical (hazardous) foreign objects (e.g. glass, wood)	Absent
Metal: ferrous	None above 1.0mm
Metal: non-ferrous	None above 1.2mm
Stainless Steel	None above 2.0mm

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MICROBIOLOGICAL STANDARDS		
	Target	Limit
T.V.C	$<1.0 \times 10^4$ /g	1.0×10^5 /g
Total Coliforms	$<1.0 \times 10^1$ /g	1.0×10^2 /g
E. coli	$<1.0 \times 10^1$ /g	1.0×10^1 /g
C. perfringens	$<1.0 \times 10^1$ /g	1.0×10^2 /g
S. aureus	$<2.0 \times 10^1$ /g	1.0×10^2 /g
B. cereus	$<2.0 \times 10^1$ /g	1.0×10^2 /g
Salmonella (25g sample)	Absent	Present
Moulds	$<1.0 \times 10^2$ /g	5.0×10^2 /g
Yeasts	$<1.0 \times 10^2$ /g	1.0×10^3 /g

DECLARATION OF ALLERGENS			
ALLERGEN CONTENT	CONTAINED Yes / No	MATERIAL HANDLED WITHIN THE SAME PRODUCTION FACILITY (IES)**	COMMENTS
Egg, or products thereof	No	Yes	
Milk, or products thereof	Yes	Yes	Cream, Yoghurt
Fish, or products thereof	No	Yes	
Crustacea, or products thereof	No	Yes	
Molluscs, or products thereof	No	Yes	
Cereals containing Gluten (wheat, barley, oats, rye etc.) or products thereof	No	Yes	
Nuts or traces of nuts, or products thereof	No	No	
Sesame seeds, or products thereof	No	No	
Celery/celeriac, or products thereof	No	Yes	
Mustard, or products thereof	Yes	Yes	
Soya, or products thereof	No	Yes	
Lupin, or products thereof	No	No	
Peanuts, or products thereof	No	No	Not classed as a nut free site
Sulphur/sulphites, or products thereof	No	Yes	
The product will be labelled to indicate any allergen content where appropriate.			

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DECLARATION OF SENSITIVE CONTENT

SENSITIVE CONTENT	CONTAINED Yes / No	MATERIAL HANDLED WITHIN THE SAME PRODUCTION FACILITY (IES)**	COMMENTS
Coconut	No	Yes	Desiccated Coconut
Maize / Maize Derivatives	Yes	Yes	Cornflour, Maize Starch
Pulses / Legumes or derivatives	No	Yes	
Pine Nuts / Pine Kernels / Chestnuts	No	No	
Cottonseed Flour	No	No	
Seed & Derivatives Excl. Oils	No	No	
Seed Oil refined to SCOPA Std	Yes	Yes	Vegetable Oil
Seed Oil not to SCOPA Std	No	No	
Mushrooms / Mushroom products	No	No	
Yeast	No	Yes	
Additives	Yes	Yes	Citric Acid, Lactic Acid, Acetic Acid
Preservatives	No	Yes	
Natural Colours	No	Yes	
Artificial Colours	No	No	
Natural Flavours	No	Yes	
Artificial Flavours	No	Yes	
MSG (Monosodium glutamate)	No	No	
HVP (Hydrolysed Veg. Protein)	No	No	
BHA/BHT (E320, E321)	No	Yes	
Fruit & Derivatives	Yes	Yes	Tomato and Tomato Paste, Lemon Juice
Umbelliferae excluding celery (carrot, parsnip, parsley, dill, coriander, cumin, fennel, chervil etc.)	Yes	Yes	Coriander
Honey	No	Yes	
Garlic	Yes	Yes	
Sorbates / Benzoates	No	No	
Polyols	No	No	
Histamine	No	No	(Fish on site)
Hydrogenated Oils and Fats	No	No	
Chilli or derivatives	Yes	Yes	
Ginger or derivatives	Yes	Yes	
Cinnamon or derivatives	No	Yes	
Animal Products: Beef	No	Yes	
Animal Products: Pork	No	Yes	
Animal Products: Lamb	No	Yes	
Animal Products: Poultry	Yes	Yes	Chicken
Animal Products: Other	No	Yes	Various
Added Sugar	Yes	Yes	
Added Salt	Yes	Yes	

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COMPLIANCE WITH THIRD PARTY STANDARDS / DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

	Yes / No	Comments
Suitable for Vegetarians	No	
Suitable for Vegans	No	
Suitable for Coeliacs	No	
Halal Certified	No	
Organic Certified	No	
Kosher Certified	No	

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

PESTICIDE RESIDUES	In compliance with the current UK, and EU legislation
HEAVY METAL RESIDUES	In compliance with the current UK, and EU legislation
ADDITIVES (<i>where relevant</i>)	In compliance with the current UK, and EU legislation
PACKING MATERIAL	In compliance with the current UK, and EU legislation
MARKING	In compliance with the current UK, and EU legislation
AFLATOXIN	In compliance with the current UK, and EU legislation

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