



THE MORNING STAR PACKING COMPANY

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

READY TO SERVE SUN DRIED TOMATOES (VARIETY OF CUTS)

DESCRIPTION:

Roma-style tomatoes that are picked at the peak of ripeness and then sun dried using the traditional method to develop the rich flavor profile characteristic of authentic sun dried tomatoes. The sun dried tomatoes are then mixed with a blend of water, glucose, salt, citric acid and sodium metabisulfite to provide a product with exceptional flavor. The product is ready to use.

INGREDIENTS:

Sun Dried Tomatoes, Glucose, Salt, Citric Acid, Sodium Metabisulfite and Sulfur Dioxide (for color retention).

SPECIFICATIONS:

PHYSICAL

<u>Color</u>	Premium sun dried tomatoes are characteristically deep red with slight color variations due to natural growing conditions.		
<u>Size</u>	Halves	Typical of Sun Dried Tomatoes, approximately 1" X 2."	
	Julienne	Strips approximately 1/4" wide & length typical of Sun Dried Tomatoes.	
	Double Diced	Strips approximately 1/4" wide by 1/2" - 1" long.	
	Triple Diced	Strips approximately 1/4" wide by 1/4" - 1/2" long.	
<u>Flavor & Aroma</u>	Pleasantly sweet, mildly tart flavor accented with a slight caramelized flavor that is characteristic of sun dried tomatoes.		
<u>Shelf Life and Storage</u>	Shelf life for product in unopened packages is 12 months. Store in a cool, dry location away from products with strong odors. Best kept refrigerated. Refrigerate after opening.		
<u>Packaging</u>	Product packed in 30 lb. vacuum sealed poly bags in fiber boxes		

ANALYTICAL, CHEMICAL & MICROBIOLOGICAL

<u>Pesticides</u>	Shall not exceed U.S. Government established tolerances for pesticide residues		
<u>GMO Status</u>	Product is non-GMO		
<u>Sulfur Dioxide</u>	< 5,000 ppm		
<u>Moisture</u>	45% - 55%		
<u>Microbiological</u>	TEST	TOLERANCE LIMIT	TOLERANCE LIMIT
	Salmonella	Negative	Negative
	Listeria	Negative	Negative
	E. coli	< 3 Mpn/g	<3.0 mpn/g
<u>Foreign Material</u>	The product is prepared in a manner to preclude introduction of foreign or extraneous material. All products are sorted through an in-line magnet and a state-of-the-art metal detector to assure freedom from harmful extraneous material.		