

LAUREL LEAVES (BAY LEAVES): SEMI SELECT SPECIFICATION & TECHNICAL DATA SHEET



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: TURKEY

Description: Dried Laurel Leaves (*Laurus Nobilis*)

Packaging Standard: 10 kg Nett Weight in Carton Boxes

Physical Analysis:

- Stems: Max 0,5%
- Twigs: Max 1,0%
- Damaged Leaves: Max 8,0%
- Less than 16mm: Max 1,0%
- Color: Original Green
- Smell: Original
- Foreign Matters: Max 0,8%
- Aroma & Taste: Characteristic

Processing:

- Harvested, sun dried, separated from stalks and other foreign bodies, sieved, passed through magnets, packed, metal detected. (Up to 0-100 mm Fe : 1.0 Nfe 1.2 SS: 1.5).
- Processing Aids: None.

Chemical Specification:

- Moisture Content: Max 12%.
- Total Ash: Max 5%
- Acid Insoluble Ash: Max 1%
- Essential Oil: Min 1%
- Extraneous Matter: Max 1%

Microbiological Specification:

- Salmonella: Absent in 25g
- E. coli: <100 cfu/g
- Total plate: < 100.000 cfu/g
- Mould & Yeast: 500 cfu/g

Heavy Metal:

In accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915 of 25 April 2023 on maximum levels of certain contaminants in food and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006"

Maximum levels of PAH in µg/kg:

- Benzo (a)pyrene: <10
- Sum of benzo (a) pyrene, beuz (a) anthracene, benzo (b)fluoranthene and Chrysene: < 50

Shelf Life & Storage:

24 months if kept in dry, cool conditions in closed bags away from direct sunlight.

Fragments of insects and parasites:

Absent