

SAGE - RUBBED AND DRIED SAGE SPECIFICATION & TECHNICAL DATA SHEET



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: TURKEY

Description: The dried, rubbed leaves of Sage (*Salvia Officinalis*)

Packsize: 15 kgs nett weight in Paper Bags

Physical Analysis:

- Particle Size: 92% minimum 0.8mm – 4,0mm
- Appearance: Discrete leaf particulates.
- Color: Light green to greyish green in colour, typical with some yellowish part, typical of dried Turkish Sage.
- Flavour / Odour: Strongly aromatic with a warm but slightly bitter taste, characteristic of Sage. Free from off flavours or odours.
- Foreign Material: As far as is reasonably practicable, free from foreign material.
- Taste : Aromatic, spicy, 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: Maximum 12%.
- Total Ash: Maximum 10%
- Acid Insoluble Ash: Maximum 2%
- Extraneous Matter: 1% maximum

Microbiological Specification:

- Salmonella : Absent in 25g
- E. coli : <100 cfu/g
- Total plate : < 100.000 cfu/g
- Mould & Yeast : <50000 cfu/g

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