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1. PRODUCT NAME

SAUCE TABASCO

PRODUCT RISK

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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2. DESCRIPTION



Sauce Tabasco is a ready -to-use condiment prepared from tabasco pepper derived from the *Capsicum frutescens* var. tabasco, vinegar and other ingredients. The product is prepared from fresh or precessed or powder tabsco pepper preserved in vinegar or brine.

3. INGREDIENTS

3.1. ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS

Tabasco pepper, vinegar, salt, spices.

3.2. OTHER PERMITTED INGREDIENTS

Food Additives: See Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) Database and where permitted, only those individual additive(s) indicated for the product shall apply and only within the limits specified.

4. PROCESSING

Processing

- 4.1. CODEX "CAC/RCP 1-1969, Rev. 4-2003; Code of Practice- General Principles of Food Hygiene including annex on HACCP systems and guidelines for application.

5. MICROBIOLOGICAL CRITERIA

FOOD SAFETY PARAMETERS

MAXIMUM LIMITS

- The product shall comply with any microbiological criteria established in accordance with Codex Guideline CAC/GL: 21-1997 "Principles for the Establishment and Application of microbiological criteria for food;
- The product shall be free from microorganisms in amounts which may represent a hazard to health and shall be free from any substance originating from microorganisms in amounts which may represent a hazard to health.


6. CHEMICALCRITERIA

QUALITY PARAMETERS	MAXIMUM LIMITS
pH	3.4

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Titrateable acidity (As acetic acid)	2.4-5.0 %
Total salt (as NaCl)	4.9-12.0% (w/w)
Pungency or capsaicin (ppm)	43 ppm
Non-volatile solids	7.5-18.0% (w/w)

7. PHYSICAL CRITERIA

PARAMETER

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Appearance and colour	Red to reddish brown.
Odour or flavour	The product shall possess a pungent odour and a good flavour that is well balanced and peppery.
Texture	Appropriate to the product.
Foreign matter	The product shall be free from foreign or extraneous matter.
Storage	Dry and cool

8. CONTAMINANTS

The products covered by this Standard shall comply with the Maximum Levels for contaminants that are specified for the product in the *General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed* (CODEX STAN 193-1995).

9. NUTRITIONAL FACTS (Approximate values per 100 g)

NUTRIENTS	AMOUNT PER 100 g OF PRODUCT
Energy	20 Kcal
Carbohydrates	5 g
Protein	0.7 g

10. PACKAGING

PARAMETER	
Primary packaging	Glass or equivalent packing material that maintains product's both organoleptic qualities and sanitary integrity. Able to withstand the rigors of transport and handling.
Secondary packaging	Corrugated paper box or packing that protects integrity of the primary packages, and withstands the rigors of transport and handling.
Primary packaging net weight	Up to 500 g
Warranty at delivery location	4 months

11. LABELLING

11.1. UNSTD-GEN-02 "UN Product Labelling"

12. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

12.1. UNSTD-GEN-03: "UN Inspection"

12.2. UNSTD-GEN-04: "UN Certification"