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1. PRODUCT NAME

VEGETABLE LETTUCE ELONGATED (COS OR ROMAINE)

PRODUCT RISK

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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2. DESCRIPTION



Lettuce elongated (cos/romaine) of varieties (cultivars) *Lactuca sativa* L. var. *longifolia* Lam. (cos or romaine lettuces) to be supplied fresh.

3. INGREDIENTS

3.1. ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS

Lettuce elongated (cos/romaine)

3.2. OTHER PERMITTED INGREDIENTS

N/A

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 or GLOBAL G.A.P.
- 4.2. "Code of Hygiene Practice for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CAC/RCP 53-2003)"

5. MICROBIOLOGICAL CRITERIA

FOOD SAFETY PARAMETERS

- 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. CHEMICAL CRITERIA


SAFETY PARAMETERS

Agrochemicals/Pesticides residues

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QUALITY PARAMETERS

The produce shall be intact, whole, sound, , green, , clean, trim, fresh, and free of any visible foreign matter, pests, damage caused by pests turgescence, running to seed; and abnormal external moisture.

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Shall be presented in clusters of leaves, well-formed; the leaves must be neatly cut at the top of the root. Roots must be cut close to the base of the outer leaves and the cut must be neat. Must have a heart, which may be small; must withstand transportation and handling; to arrive in satisfactory condition at the place of destination; size: "Class I" Good Quality, minimum weight 150g.

7. PHYSICAL CRITERIA

PARAMETER	LIMITS
Appearance and colour	Appropriate to the product.
Odour or flavour	Lettuce Elongated shall be free from rotting, foreign smell and/or taste, fungal damage or desiccation.
Uniformity	Content of each package must be uniform and contain only produce of the same origin, variety or commercial type, quality and size
Tolerance	≤ 10 %, by numbers in quality and size provision
Texture	Appropriate to the product.
Foreign matter	Shall have no foreign matter.
Storage and Transportation Temperature	2°C to 6°C OR 15°C to 25°C

8. CONTAMINANTS

- 8.1. 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	18 kcal

10. PACKAGING

PARAMETER	LIMITS
Primary packaging	The primary packaging material or equivalent recyclable/ biodegradable packaging material shall be able to maintain the product's organoleptic qualities and sanitary integrity. Must withstand the rigor of transport and handling.
Secondary packaging	Corrugated paper box or packing that protects integrity of the product, and withstands the rigor of transport and handling.
Packing size	N/A
Warranty at delivery location	Minimum 1 Week

11. LABELLING

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

12. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1. UNECE STANDARD FFV-22 LETTUCES, CURLED-LEAVED AND BROAD-LEAVED (BATAVIAN) ENDIVES
12.2. CAC/RCP 44-1995 PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
12.3. UNSTD-GEN-03: "UN Inspection"
12.4. UNSTD-GEN-04: "UN Certification"