

Frozen Pork Ear Flaps / AB Grade

Version **01**

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1 Product Name or Description

PRODUCT NAME Frozen Pork Ear Flaps, AB Grade	SPECIES Pork (<i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>)	COMBINED NOMENCLATURE CODE 0206 49 00
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN European Union	IDENTIFICATION MARK Stated on the veterinary health certificate	PRODUCTION PLANT EU-approved establishment (Reg. (EC) No 853/2004)

Description	Fine part of the pork ear cut from the head, without inner ear. Not mechanically standardised. External and intramuscular fat acceptable. Approx. 6–8 pieces per kg. No sow ears.
Grade	AB grade: clean, smooth, bloodless surface, free from bones, congestion and deep cuts.
Legal compliance	Conforms to European Union legal requirements.
Ionisation	Product has not been exposed to ionising radiation.

2 Quality Specifications

ORGANOLEPTIC AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Parameter	Specification
Surface	Clean, smooth, bloodless, not blunted, without bones; no congestion, crushed bones or deep cuts. Muscle and fat surface shiny, dry or slightly damp. Wet, slippery or mouldy surface not allowed.
Colour	Muscle: light pink to grey · Fat: creamy with a shade of grey and pink
Consistency	Firm, flexible
Odour	Specific, characteristic, without any sign of spoilage
Core temperature	≤ -18 °C

MICROBIOLOGICAL CRITERIA (COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) NO 1831/2003)

Parameter	Specification
E. coli, cfu/g	n=5, c=2, m=5×10 ² , M=5×10 ³
Salmonella, 1 g	n=5, c=0, not detected
Aerobic mesophilic bacteria, cfu/g	n=5, c=2, m=5×10 ⁵ , M=5×10 ⁶

n = number of units in the sample; c = number of units with results between m and M; m = satisfactory threshold; M = unsatisfactory threshold.

3 Packaging

Format	Packaging
10 kg	Fixed-weight cartons with PE liner, palletised
Jumbo carton	Large cartons with PE liner, palletised

Labels can be supplied in other languages on request.

4 Shelf Life & Storage

- Shelf life: 18 months from the date of freezing
- Store at -18 °C or below
- Do not refreeze once thawed

5 Other Parameters

Transportation

Refrigerated vehicles or reefer containers compliant with the ATP agreement, at -18 °C. Temperature monitored and documented throughout the cold chain.

Documents

Veterinary health certificate, product label and quality certificate issued for each shipment.

6 Illustrative Images



Photos for illustration purposes only. Appearance may vary from lot to lot within the specification.

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