

CANNED SARDINES (IN VEGETABLE OIL)

1. SPECIFICATIONS:

The Sardines are to be in accordance with the following specifications:

Sardines shall be manufactured from fresh or frozen fish of a quality fit for human consumption; shall have an odour, flavour and texture characteristic of sardines; shall be presented in clear, refined, edible Vegetable Oil, which must not contain any objectionable odour, flavour and texture.	
Net Weight per Tin	125gms
Drained Weight	90 grams
Number of fish	2 pieces min
Moisture	70% max.
Content of Fish	70-75% of the declared contents.
Content of Oil	10-15% of the declared contents.
Fish Water	No Water may be added to this Product.
Content of Salt	1-2% in Fish Flesh.
Crop	According to Year of Production.
Objectionable matter (struvite crystals)	5mm max in length
Organoleptic (texture, colour, smell, taste)	Characteristic of fresh fish and good quality fill medium
Fat content (<i>only if not written on the can</i>)	14g min (of which 2g min sat. fats)

* N.B.: The food commodity must not be derived from biotechnology. Suppliers must ensure that food commodities are brought in from countries whose health status allows this.

2. HYGIENE: The canned sardines shall:

- (i) Be free from micro-organisms capable of development under normal conditions of storage.
- (ii) Not contain any other substance including substances derived from micro-organisms in amounts which may represent a hazard to health in accordance with Codex standards.
- (iii) Be free from container integrity defects which may compromise the hermetic seal.

3. PACKING:

Canned sardines shall be packaged into 125 grams tin cans, to constitute the primary packaging. The secondary packaging is cartons, to facilitate transportation and storage.

The sardines shall be packed in hermetically sealed cans and shall have received a processing treatment sufficient to ensure commercial sterility. The sardine tins shall be made of material and coated according to international standards. The cans shall be scored for easy opening.

Expiry date shall be at least 24 months after the date of delivery.

4. STORING: Canned sardines shall be stored under cool, dry and hygienic conditions.

5. MARKING: SEE ATTACHED SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

All the above specifications will be strictly adhered at Field level.