## Pequin Pods Product Specification

This product is prepared from clean, fresh, sun-ripened Pequin Chile Peppers which have been dried, cleaned, & homogenized.

Physicals		Scientific Name	Capsicum annuum L.
Characteristics		Color	Red yellowish-brown
		Flavor/Aroma	Characteristic, strongly pungent
		Extraneous Material	Within FDA limits
		Origin	Mexico
Ingredients:	Dried Pequin Pepper		
Pack Size:	25 lbs.		
Raw Materials:	Whole, intact Pequin Pepper, having red yellowish-brown color and strongly pungent odor. Peppers will not be derived from genetically modified seed stock (non-GMO).		
Preservative:	None		
Moisture:	12 % maximum		
Pungency:	55,000+ SHU		
Defects:	Foreign Material (metal*, wood, fibers, paper, straw, string, plastic, etc.)0%Extraneous Material (stems, flowers, stones, dirt, sand, feathers, insects, etc.)0%Evidence of bacterial, viral or fungal disease0%		
	* Product is passed through a properly functioning metal detector capable of detecting and rejecting 1.5 mm Stainless Steel and 1.5 mm ferrous standards.		
Microbiology:	Testing will be performed by an independent laboratory in accordance with U.S. FDA's Bacteriological Analytical Manual &/or Compendium of Methods for the Microbiological Examination of Foods, 4th Ed.		
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		ric E. <i>coli</i>	$\leq 10/g$
	<ul><li>Yeast</li><li>Mold</li></ul>		≤ 10/g ≤ 10/g
Certifications:	Product will be Kosher Certified by an approved agency.		
Packaging:	Food grade, corrugated case.		
Labeling:	Labels will contain product name; net weight; lot or tracking code; name and address of the manufacturer, packer or distributor accompanied by a qualifying phrase which states the firm's relation to the product (e.g., "manufactured for" or "distributed by"); Client's Purchase Order Number; country of origin and the Kosher logo.		
Storage:	This product shall be packed in containers suitable to maintain product integrity through normal shipping, storage and handling procedures. Store under cool (65°C), dry conditions. Finished products should be stored in a sealed container in a cool, dark, clean location, free of off odors, insects and rodents.		
Shelf life:	Up to 18 months.		

