## Puya Pods Product Specification

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

Physicals Scientific Name Capsicum annuum L.

Characteristics Color Dark red

Flavor/Aroma Characteristic, medium pungency with fruity flavor

**Extraneous Material** Within FDA limits

Origin Mexico

Ingredients: Dried Puya Pepper

Pack Size: 25 lbs.

Raw Materials: Whole, intact Puya Pepper, having dark red color and moderate pungent odor. Peppers will not be

derived from genetically modified seed stock (non-GMO).

Preservative: None

Moisture: 12 % maximum

Pungency: 5,000 – 8,000 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 disease 0%

\* 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.

Salmonella
 Standard Plate Count
 Coliforms
 ≤ 1,000,000/g
 ≤ 10,000/g
 ≤ 10,000/g

Generic E. coli  $\leq 10/g$ Yeast  $\leq 10/g$ Mold  $\leq 10/g$ 

**Certifications:** Product will be Kosher Certified by an approved agency.

**Packaging:** Food grade, corrugated case.

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.

