



### NATURAL BETA CAROTENE 050

Code: NC014584A

**Tariff Code** 3203 00 10 00

**Description** Extract of natural Beta Carotene (Blakeslea trispora) emulsified and spray dried, then standardised for colour strength with Maltodextrin

**Appearance** Orange powder

**Uses** Food/Beverage

Food colour compliant to regulation 2012/231

**Usage rate** As required according to local legislation

**Product identification** Natural Colour; E160a (iii) Beta Carotene

**E number** E160a (iii)

**Ingredients** Maltodextrin, Gum Acacia (E414), Rapeseed Oil, Beta Carotene (E160a (iii)), Silicon Dioxide (E551), Rosemary Extract (E392), Mixed Tocopherols (E306)

**Botanical Name** Beta Carotene (Blakeslea trispora)

Suitable for: Vegetarians Vegans Coeliacs Kosher (Certified) Halal

NOT suitable for: Organic

GMO Free Non-irradiated Palm Free

### Major Allergens

Celery and its derivatives	Absent
Crustaceans and their derivatives	Absent
Egg and its derivatives	Absent
Fish and their derivatives	Absent
Gluten	Absent
Lupins and their derivatives	Absent
Milk and its derivatives	Absent
Molluscs and their derivatives	Absent
Mustard and its derivatives	Absent
Nuts, their oils and other derivatives	Absent
Peanuts, their oils and other derivatives	Absent
Sesame seeds, their oils and other derivatives	Absent
Soya and its derivatives	Absent
Sulphur dioxide (and sulphites at levels above 10mg/kg or 10mg/l, expressed as SO <sub>2</sub> )	Absent

### Chemical

pH	4-5		Verification using pH meter
Moisture	5 %	max	
Lead	2 ppm	max	

**Notes**

Heavy metals and solvent residues comply with the Regulation (EC) No 231/2012 and successive updates

**Nutrition**

Energy kJ	kCal	Carbohyd.	Sugars	Fibre	Sodium	Salt
1585	377	83.1 g/100g	4.9 g/100g	17.2 g/100g	0.2 mg/100g	0.0 g/100g
Fat	Saturated	Unsaturat	Polyunsat.	Monounsat.	Trans	Protein
8.7 g/100g	0.7 g/100g	7.7 g/100g	2.9 g/100g	4.8 g/100g	0.0 g/100g	0.5 g/100g

Nutritional results are based upon calculation only, not specific product testing, unless otherwise notified.

**Microbiological**

Micro Testing Required	Low Risk - Not Required	Micro Testing Schedule (months)	Not Required
Aerobic Colony Count	1000 cfu/g	max	
Yeast	100 cfu/g	max	
Moulds	100 cfu/g	max	
Enterobacteriaceae	10 cfu/g	max	
E. coli	10 cfu/g	max	
Salmonella	Not Detected in 25g	max	
S. aureus	20 cfu/g	max	
Listeria	Not Detected in 25g	max	

**Physical**

Solubility	Water
Absorption in Acetone	11 - 14
DECmc	<2
Sieve Mesh 0.8mm	100% Passes
Pigment Value	0.44 - 0.57%
Nanometre:	448
Organoleptic	Passes

**Shelf life**

12 Months on opening: 1 Months

**Storage** store in a cool dry place, away from sunlight and strong odours

**Packaging** LDPE bags (Food Grade)

All of our products are designed to be food safe, and where indicated on the label; can be stored at ambient temperature without concern. However, to preserve the optimum organoleptic and colour performance of our liquid colour and extract products to the end of their stated shelf life.

We would recommend storing under chilled conditions where possible.

**Handling** Non hazardous food colouring powder

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## CUSTOMER APPROVAL

Approved on behalf of (Customer Name)..... by ..... position.....  
Please sign date and return a scanned copy this spec to qa@plant-ex.com within 14 days after which time approval will be assumed

## SHelf Life

The shelf life that Plant-Ex recommends for our products is based on unopened packages stored as per our recommendations and our policy ref QM5-514.

Shelf life upon opening depends greatly on the type of product, whether there is only little or a lot of headspace in the storage container, and how the customer has handled and stored the product, which means that it is less easy to predict the shelf life once opened.

The two key parameters which can be affected by opened containers is oxidation of the product, and provision of oxygen to encourage microbial growth. To generalise, shelf life can be reduced by about half once opened and part used. Our specifications recommend to use within one month of opening so as to encourage use, however a customer storing the product appropriately and hygienically could achieve a greater period of usage.

Storage within an ambient temperature range is perfectly reasonable where a product is marked as such, though it should be noted that at temperatures above 8C, oxidation will occur more rapidly. Therefore, where available, storage under cooler conditions, and with the correct handling will result in customers gaining further usage of the products supplied.

## MICROBIOLOGICAL TESTING

Plant-Ex categorises product testing for microbiological compliance by the process of risk assessment, taking into account processing parameters and biostatic/biocidal co-ingredients of a recipe to determine the associated risk, based upon prior experience and testing. The product specification will detail if the material is subject to a Microbiological test on an "Every batch" basis, or the alternative frequency of testing.

## PACKAGING

Packaging is purchased according to our policy ref QM5-550 which details that the product must be compliant to EU Regulation 2020/1245 and 1935/2004.  
of testing.

## HANDLING

Plant-Ex recommend operating to GMP standards of practice when handling our products. In the case of liquid materials – we would always recommend shaking the container for two minutes to assure that any precipitation over time is reversed. All powder containers should be re-sealed to avoid moisture ingress.

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