



LACTO FOODS SPECIFICATION SUMMERY
Product: American Coloured Cheddar
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The product is made from pasteurised whole cows milk. The colour must be uniform throughout possessing a close texture with firm, smooth body.

The block must be rectangular with no rounded edges, minimal wrinkles and finish defects, and not mis-shaped. Suitable for high speed cutting operation.

2.0 Flavours:

The product will have a clean flavour characteristic of the variety type and will be absent of undesirable aromas and flavours.

The determination of grade ultimately depends on flavour profile. Specific flavour and age requirements should be agreed with Lacto Foods at the time of purchase.

3.0 Ingredients:

Whole Milk

Cheese Lactic Starter Culture

Vegetarian Rennet

Salt

Colour - Annatto

4.0 Chemical Standards:

Test	Typical	Tolerance
Moisture	37%	39% Maximum
Fat in Dry Matter		48% Minimum



Salt	1.5%	1.0-2.0%
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5.0 Microbiological Standards:

Test	Target	Reject
Enterobacteriaceae	<100 cfu/g	>100 cfu/g
Escherichia Coli	<10 cfu/g	>10 cfu/g
Yeasts & Moulds	<300 cfu/g	>300 cfu/g
Staphylococcus aureus	<10 cfu/g	>10 cfu/g
Salmonella spp	Absent/25g	Present/25g
Listeria spp	Absent/25g	Present/25g

6.0 Packaging Information:

Packaged in suitably strong boxes/liners to effect delivery without cheese being mis-shapen. 20kg net weight. Product label to contain:

- EU Veterinary approval number
- Producers name and address
- Production date
- Expiry date
- Vat number of cheese
- Block weight and number.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 178/2002 of 28 January 2002 on general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (EU Food)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 852/2004 of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene

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Product will comply to other relevant legislation