

## SESAME SEED STANDARD SPECIFICATION SHEET

Sesame Seed

### 1. Production Information

Product name:

Sesame seeds are about 3 to 4 millimeters long by 2 millimeters wide and 1 millimeter thick. The seeds are ovate, slightly flattened and somewhat thinner at the eye of the seed (hilum) than at the opposite end. The weight of the seeds is between 20 and 40 milligrams. The seed coat (testa) may be smooth or ribbed. Sesame seeds come in many colours depending on the cultivar harvested. The most traded variety of sesame is off-white colored. Other common colours are buff, tan, gold, brown, reddish, gray and black.

### 2. Parameter

Physical Properties	Standard
Color	Off-white
Flavor/ Taste	Mild, nutty aroma and slightly butter
Odor	Mild, sweet and slightly earthly.

Chemical Properties	Standard
Purity	98-99.5%
Moisture	8%
Foreign Matter	2% Max
Oil Content	45%
Pesticides	None

Microbiological Properties	Standard
Moulds and Yeasts	<10 <sup>3</sup> ufc /g
Coliforms	<10 <sup>3</sup> ufc /g
Mesophilic	<10 <sup>5</sup> ufc/g
E.coli	Negative
Salmonella sp	Negative

#### 3. Allergic Ingredients: None

#### 4. Storage

Product may be packed in

- cartons with plastic liners
- multiwall bags with plastic liners or poly bags.
- Clean Jute bag or polypropylene bag (pp) of 45-50kg

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- 5. Shelf Life
  - 24 Months if stored in a clean, dry and cool area below 75% relative humidity.
- 6. Country of Origin: Nigeria

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