

**Subject: Raw Material Specification**

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**PRODUCT NAME: Cyclopia subtemata (Honeybush tea) Tea Cut**

**PRODUCT CODE: RMCSTC**



**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Sensory characteristics:** Clean characteristic taste and aroma

**Appearance:** Distinctive colour, rich reddish-brown


**Texture:** Tea Cut

**SIEVE SPECIFICATION**


100% through 8 mesh sieve; 95% through 10 mesh sieve

**MICROBIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS**


PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION	UNIT OF MEASURE
Total Aerobic Count	< 75 000	cfu/g
Yeast	< 500	cfu/g
Mould	< 500	cfu/g
Salmonella	Absent	Per 25g
Escherichia coli	Absent	cfu/g

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CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS		
<b>Moisture</b>	< 10	%
HEAVY METALS		
PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION	UNIT OF MEASURE
<b>Lead</b>	< 5	ppm
<b>Cadmium</b>	< 0.3	ppm
PESTICIDE RESIDUE		
<b>Aldrin and Dieldrin</b>	< 0.05	mg/kg
COMPOSITION OF FORMULATED INGREDIENTS, INCLUDING ADDITIVES AND PROCESSING AIDS		
100% Honeybush leaves and stems		
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN		
Produced in South Africa		
METHOD OF PRODUCTION		
100% dried leaves and stems cut and sieved		
PACKAGING		
MATERIAL	SPECIFICATION/DESCRIPTION	
Primary Packaging	Double bagged in 50-micron food grade bags, individually sealed with cable ties.	
Secondary Packaging	White agricultural woven bag. Stitched	

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<b>NET WEIGHT</b>
Packed at nett weight of 20 kg.
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>
Enclosed vehicle which is clean, dry, pest and chemical free. Vehicle should be suitable for the transportation of foodstuffs. Vehicle not to present any physical hazards e.g. glass and hard plastics.
<b>SHELF LIFE</b>
24 Months
<b>STORAGE CONDITIONS</b>
Stored on pallets, labelled, sealed, protected from moisture, light and high temperatures in a pest and rodent-proof area, stored away from harmful chemicals
<b>PREPARATION AND/OR HANDLING BEFORE USE OR PROCESSING</b>
Use as is
<b>FOOD SAFETY RELATED ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA OR SPECIFICATIONS OF PURCHASED MATERIALS AND INGREDIENTS APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR INTENDED USE</b>
To be used as an ingredient in the preparation of herbal medicine or food supplements.
<b>STATUTORY AND REGULATORY FOOD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS</b>
No additional requirements
<b>POTENTIAL ABUSE OF PRODUCT</b>
Storing in direct sunlight, unprotected from moisture and high temperatures. Not tightly closing after opening.

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<b>ALLERGEN STATEMENT</b>
<p>The above-mentioned product is made of allergen-free ingredients. This product does not contain allergens subject to labelling according to regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 and amendments. Process controls are in place to ensure that no accidental contamination with allergenic material could occur.</p>
<b>GMO STATEMENT</b>
<p>This product has not been in contact with any GMO, therefore the regulations (EC) 1829/2003 and (EC) 1830/2003 are not applicable.</p>
<b>TSE/BSE STATEMENT</b>
<p>In the production process of this product, we do not use any raw material of animal origin. This product has not been in contact with and does not include any material of animal origin. Our product is not contaminated with material of animal origin when it leaves our storage facility.</p>
<b>KOSHER/HALAL STATUS</b>
Not Kosher Certified