## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

### USDA PUREE/PLUM JUICY™ 100 Meat Moisture Enhancer

#### **Description**

USDA Puree/Plum Juicy™ 100 meat moisture enhancer is a smooth, pliable fruit puree composed of pitted dried plums and juice concentrate. Potassium sorbate may be added to a maximum level of 0.1%.

#### **Formulation**

| Dried Plums                  | 17.2% |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Dried Plum Juice Concentrate | 52.7% |

Potassium Sorbate 0.1% (maximum)

Water 30.0% Total 100.0%

#### Finished Product Characteristics\*

Appearance: Smooth, dark brown puree no characteristic flavor with

no yeasty, or burnt off flavors

Moisture: 30+/-0.5%
Brix: 70° minimum
Chemical: pH 3.5-4.5

Titratable acidity 1.4%-2.2% as malic acid

#### **Packaging**

1, 2 gallon pails (11-22 lbs gross shipping weight) 40 pound bag in box

#### **Shelf Life**

Two years. Store in a cool, dry area (75°F/24°C maximum). May be refrigerated for extended storage.

## **Applications**

USDA Puree/Plum Juicy™ 100 meat moisture enhancer was developed to be used as a natural additive in pre-cooked beef, pork, lamb, turkey and chicken products to retain moisture particularly after freezing, re-heating and holding. Extra lean, fat-reduced meat products particularly benefit when using USDA Puree/Plum Juicy™. Recommended usage is 3.0-5.0% of the finished weight depending on the product being manufactured and the desired moisture, texture and flavor levels.

USDA Puree/Plum Juicy™ 100 is not recommended for meat products that are cooked from a raw state on a griddle or grill as sugars may caramelize on the surface. Ideal applications would be products that are pre-cooked and re-heated in an conventional, convection or microwave oven from a frozen state or in a sauce on a stove top.

# **Nutritional Composition\***

| Component                  | Amount Per<br>100 grams |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Proximate                  | _                       |
| Food Energy (Kcal)         | 257.0                   |
| Protein, g                 | 2.1                     |
| Fat, g                     | 0.2                     |
| Total Dietary Fiber, g     | 3.3                     |
| Total Carbohydrates, g     | 65.1                    |
| Available Carbohydrates, g | 61.8                    |
| Sugars, g                  | 39.0                    |
| Sorbitol, g                | 14.1                    |
| Minerals                   |                         |
| Calcium, mg                | 31.3                    |
| Iron, mg                   | 2.8                     |
| Phosphorous, mg            | 71.7                    |
| Potassium, mg              | 852.0                   |
| Sodium, mg                 | 23.0                    |
| Vitamins                   |                         |
| Vitamin C, mg              | 4.3                     |
| Thiamin, mg                | 0.04                    |
| Niacin, mg                 | 2.5                     |
| Pantothenic Acid, mg       | 0.43                    |
| Beta Carotene, I. U.       | 1.2                     |
| Other Properties           |                         |
| Water Activity             | 0.75                    |
| Cholesterol                | 0.0                     |

<sup>\*</sup> Variances may occur from one manufacturer to another.