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Customer:	M/s. G. A. Foods, Surat
Process:	Batch Microwave+Convection Heat Treatment for Sterilization of Spices

TEST REPORT No: 47/KRDC/LAB/17 Mum 09/01/2020

Date Sample reception : 09/01/2020 ID : 47/LAB/154

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:

Sampling : As Requested Sample Condition : Acceptable

Quantity : 4 kg

Sampling date : 09/01/2020

Product : Spices (Coriander powder & Chilli powder)

Requirement : Sterilization
Start Date test : 09/01/2020
End Date test : 09/01/2020

LABORATORY EXPERIMENTAL SET UP:









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LAB BATCH MICROWAVE+CONVECTION HEATING SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS:

Microwave Power	2 kW(CW)		
Frequency	2450 MHz ± 50		
Convective Power	3.5 kW (air flow 350 l/min at 20°C)		
Microwave Exposure Zone (cavity)	1 cubic meter		
Mode Stirrer	One		
Thermal Monitoring System	Single Channel Fiber Optic: Range -40 to 250°C		
Exhaust Power	1HP		
Tray Size	450x950x50 mm		

ENVIRONMENT-LABORATORY AMBIENT CONDITIONS:

Temperature (degree C)	34°C (±5°C)	
Humidity (%)	≤40% RH	
Pressure (kN/m2 or kPa)	Not recorded	

Note for recommendation: Environmental conditions have a direct impact on test results. Accuracy and consistency of test data are affected by the laboratory conditions







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EQUIPMENTS USED:

Name of Equipment	Picture of Equipment	Specifications		
Compact Thermal Imaging Camera		Model :FLIR E-30 Resolution: 160x 120IR Thermal sensitivity of 0.10°C		
Thermo Hygrometer		Model No: HTC-2 Temperature accuracy: ±°C (1.8°F) Temperature resolution: 0.1°C (0.2°F) Humidity range: 10%~99% RH Humidity accuracy: ±5% RH Humidity resolution: 1% RH		

SAMPLE PREPARATION AND METHOD/PROCEDURE:

The experiment has been performed on Spices bags to speed up the heating rate for sterilization. For this experimental run, given packed bag has been placed in Batch Microwave Heating System and microwave exposure has been given with suitable parameters. Observations have been made on the basis of surface temperature of sample.

ANALYTICAL RESULTS:

Sr.	Sample Name	Quantity	MW Powder	Hot Air	Cycle Time	Surface Temp.
No.		(grams)	(kW)	Temp. (°C)	(minutes)	(°C)
1.	Chilli Powder	500	1		7	60-70
2.			1.3		5	60-70
3.	Chilli	500+90	1		7	65-75
4.	Powder+Salt		1.3		5	65-75
5.	Coriander	500	1	60	7	60-70
6.	Powder		1.3		5	60-70
7.	Coriander	500+180	1		7	65-75
8.	Powder+Salt		1.5		4	60-70





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BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES OF TREATED SPCIMEN SAMPLE:

1. Chilli Powder:





2. Chilli
Powder+Salt:





3. Coriander Powder:











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4. Coriander Powder+Salt:





OBSRVATIONS:

The heating behavior of Spices has been investigated under the Batch Microwave+Covection Heating System. The heating rate is found to be increasing with respect to increasing heating time. As per physical investigation, it has been observed that there is no colour change or burning effect on processed sample and also, no damage to bag.

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