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Customer:	
Process:	Convection Microwave Heat Treatment for Drying of Larvae

#### Test Report No: 236/KRDC/LAB/17 Mum 02/10/2023

Date Sample reception : 25/09/2023

ID : KRDC/R&D/23-24/02/10

# Sample Description:

Sampling : As Requested
Sample Condition : Acceptable
Sampling date : 02/10/2023
Product : Larvae

Requirement : final moisture to be below 3%

Start Date test : 02/10/2023 End Date test : 02/10/2023

# Laboratory Experimental System -



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## System Specifications -

Microwave Power	1.45 kW(CW)
Frequency	$2450 \pm 50 \text{ MHz}$
Microwave Exposure Zone (Cavity)	1000 mm length-wise
Product surface temp. range	Max. 120 deg cells
Conveyor width	380mm
Conveyor Speed	Variable 0.2 to 2MPM
Conveyor Motor Drive	0.5HP AC Induction with VFD
Entry Vestibule length	1200mm
Exit Vestibule Length	1200 mm
Exhaust Power	0.5 HP

## **Laboratory's Environmental Conditions** –

Temperature (degree C)	29.4°C (±5°C)
Humidity (%)	≤50% 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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## **Equipment 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
Moisture Analyzer	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	Make: Axis Balance Description: Moisture range: 1%(sample 0.02/0.05g), 0.1% (Sample 0.5/5g), 0.01%(Sample>5g
Analytical Balances LINB-A10	i sano.	Capacity: 100 g Minimum weighing: 0.0004 g Resolution: 0.0001 g Pan size: \$80 mm





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#### Procedure of the Experiment -

- The experiment was performed on Larvae to speed up the heating rate.
- For this experimental run, the given sample was placed on the conveyor of the MW heating system with suitable parameters.
- After the heating treatment, the sample was analyzed.

#### **Analytical Results:**

Trial - 03

Initial Moisture: 67.3% Initial Weight: 2000gm

Cycle	Heating Zone Cycle Time	System Specification	On product temperature (°C)	Remark
C1	15 minutes	MW Intensity:100% Belt Speed:0.8rpm Set temp:70°C	50-58	Dried as desired

Final Moisture:2.8% Final Weight:583gm

## Before and After images:

Trial -03





**Untreated Sample** 

Treated Sample



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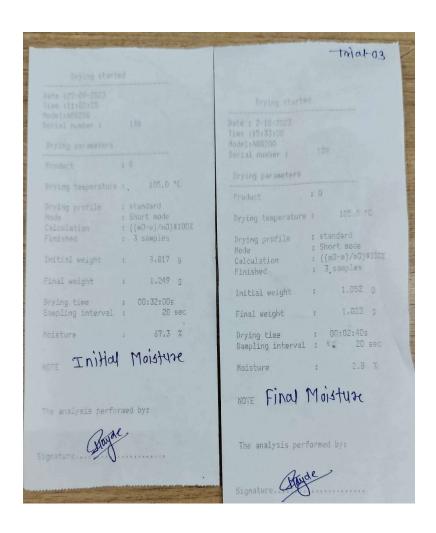
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## Moisture Analysis Report:

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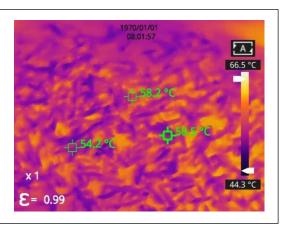
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## Thermal images:

Measurements	S
Sp1	58.2°C
Sp2	54.2°C
Sp3	50.5°C
Parameters	
Emissivity	0.99
Temp.	66.5°C



## **Observations:**

The heating behavior of Larvae was investigated under the Microwave heating system. The heating rate was found to be increasing with respect to increasing in time. As per the physical investigation, it was observed that the product was dried as desired without any charring effect.

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