

Food Composite Products: Unavailable Ingredients List

Rationale for an Unavailable Ingredients List

The section “2.2 Product Composition” of the Generic Fairtrade Trade Standard (GTS) requires all commodities (and derivatives of those commodities) covered by Fairtrade standards to be sourced as Fairtrade by licensed and certified operators. However, some commodities and their derivatives covered by Fairtrade standards may be deemed unavailable because there are no producers producing the commodity or in the cases of derivatives or processed ingredients there is no processor in the system.

The Unavailable Ingredients List (referred to in GTS clause 2.2.1) has been developed to show which ingredients are currently deemed unavailable. The lists should be viewed as temporary and as soon as any operator in the Fairtrade system begins trading in one of the ingredients, the ingredient will be removed from the list. All operators using the ingredient in their Fairtrade-Marked products must investigate sourcing it on Fairtrade terms as soon as possible after the ingredient is deemed available (and at the very latest within two years of becoming available).

Regional differences between markets

Investigations by Labelling Initiatives have shown that there are differences between markets on the availability of certain ingredients. This refers to situations where there is no importer or manufacturer of particular ingredients in a particular market which makes it very difficult for that Fairtrade ingredient to be used by operators in that market.

To cover this eventuality, columns of availability have been developed by region. It must be stressed that these are considered ***interim differences*** and within the 2 year transition period given by the GTS for compliance with the rules, the aim is to agree on a list for unavailable ingredients without regional differences.

If Fairtrade traders are operating in more than one region and therefore overlap into more than one of the columns below, they must use the column relevant to the country in which they are originally registered or certified. E.g. if a company is registered by the UK Labelling Initiative but sells into North America and Africa, they should use the “Europe” column.

Guide to the Unavailable Ingredient List

The following ingredients have been deemed to be currently unavailable as Fairtrade. If you have information which supersedes the data in this document, please supply it to your Labelling Initiative or Certification Body.



If there is a tick (✓) under the relevant column, an automatic exception can be granted by the Licensing or Certification Body. If there is a blank space under the relevant column, the ingredient must be sourced as Fairtrade or the operator should apply for a Type 1 Exception to their Licensing or Certification Body.

Update to the Unavailable List – March 2012

Following the submission of exception information from Fairtrade Licensing and Certification Bodies in early 2012, the unavailable list has been updated to include all new ingredients covered by Fairtrade Standards but deemed to be currently unavailable as Fairtrade. Any ingredients covered by Fairtrade Standards previously on the list which are now available as Fairtrade have been deleted and will be entered onto an Availability List to be completed by FLO in 2012.

The format of the list has been amended to separate the unavailable ingredients into three categories for ease of reference. These categories are:

1. Raw commodities
2. Processed versions of raw commodities
3. Composite ingredients

Some commodities which are available from Fairtrade sources may not be available in their processed form and therefore appear in Section 2 of this list. For example IQF ingredients (Individually Quick Frozen) may be available as Fairtrade in their raw commodity format but not in the processed frozen format.

Section 1 – Raw commodities

Ingredient	Unavailable in Europe	Unavailable in Canada & USA	Unavailable in rest of the world ¹	Date Added / Amendments Made
Acai Berries	√	√	√	March 2012
Aloe Vera	√	√	√	May 2012
Allspice	√	√	√	May 2012
Almonds		√	√	
Almonds, organic		√	√	May 2012
Apples, fresh		√	√	
Basil		√	√	
Blackberry Leaf	√	√	√	March 2012
Buchu	√	√	√	
Catnip	√	√	√	May 2012
Cherries, fresh	√	√	√	
Chilli	√	√	√	
Coriander Seed	√	√	√	
Dill Seed	√	√	√	
Elderberry	√	√	√	May 2012
Evening Primrose	√	√	√	May 2012
Fennel, fresh and seed	√	√	√	
Fenugreek	√	√	√	March 2012
Garlic	√	√	√	March 2012
Ginkgo Biloba Leaf	√	√	√	
Stem Ginger	√	√	√	
Grapefruit, pink or ruby	√	√	√	
Hawthorn	√	√	√	March 2012
Honey		√		
Honeybush		√		March 2012
Jasmine Flower	√	√	√	May 2012

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Juniper	√	√	√	May 2012
Lavender	√	√	√	
Lentils	√	√	√	March 2012
Lemon Myrtle	√	√	√	March 2012
Lemon Verbena Leaf	√	√	√	
Liquorice Root	√	√	√	
Limes		√	√	
Macadamia Nuts		√	√	
Mallow Blossom	√	√	√	May 2012
Malva Blossom	√	√	√	May 2012
Nettle	√	√	√	
Orange, leaves	√	√	√	May 2012
Papaya, fresh	√	√	√	
Paprika	√	√	√	
Parsley		√	√	
Peaches	√	√	√	
Peanuts, organic		√	√	
Pepper, Cayenne - fresh	√	√	√	March 2012
Pepper, Chilli, fresh (or hot peppers)	√	√	√	March 2012
Pepper, Green	√	√	√	May 2012
Pepper, Pink	√	√	√	May 2012
Raisins, Organic	√	√	√	
Rice – short-grain (due to Egyptian and Indian export bans)	√	√	√	
Rosehip	√	√	√	
Rose petals, edible	√	√	√	
Saffron	√	√	√	May 2012
Soybeans		√	√	
Star Anise Fruit	√	√	√	
Stevia	√	√	√	March 2012
Sultanas, Organic	√	√	√	
Sunflower Seeds	√	√	√	May 2012

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Ingredient	Unavailable in Europe	Unavailable in Canada & USA	Unavailable in rest of the world ³	Date Added / Amendments Made
Sweet Potato (Yam)	√	√	√	May 2012
Valerian	√	√	√	May 2012
Yerba Mate	√	√	√	May 2012

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Section 2 - Processed versions of raw commodities

Ingredient	Unavailable in Europe	Unavailable in Canada & USA	Unavailable in rest of the world ⁴	Date Added / Amendments Made
Acai Juice	√	√	√	March 2012
Almond Flakes	√	√	√	
Almonds, organic (all derivatives – oil, paste etc.)	√	√	√	
Almond paste	√	√	√	
Almond Sticks	√	√	√	March 2012
Apple, IQF	√	√	√	May 2012
Apricot kernel Oil		√	√	
Apricot kernel Oil, organic	√	√	√	
Almond Oil		√	√	
Aromas (all aromas derived from a commodity with Fairtrade Standards)	√	√	√	March 2012
Blueberries, freeze-dried (from fresh)	√	√	√	June 2012
Cherries, glace	√	√	√	
Cherries, freeze-dried (from fresh)	√	√	√	June 2012
Chickpeas – all derivatives of e.g. flour, oil	√	√	√	March 2012
Colourings (all colourings derived commodity with Fairtrade Standards)	√	√	√	March 2012
Citric Acid	√	√	√	
Coconut Acid	√	√	√	May 2012
Coconut butter	√	√	√	March 2012
Coconut, Desiccated (incl. shredded and pieces)	√	√	√	May 2012
Coconut water	√	√	√	May 2012
Coconut oil		√		March 2012
Coriander, Ground	√	√	√	March 2012
Cumin, Ground	√	√	√	March 2012

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Ingredient	Unavailable in Europe	Unavailable in Canada & USA	Unavailable in rest of the world ⁵	Date Added / Amendments Made
Essences (all natural food-grade essences derived from a commodity covered by Fairtrade Standards, excluding vanilla)	√	√	√	March 2012
Essential Oils (fruit, plants, herbs and spices)	√	√	√	
Extracts (all natural food-grade extracts derived from a commodity covered by Fairtrade Standards, excluding coffee and vanilla)	√	√	√	
Fennel, Dried	√	√	√	
Flavourings (all natural flavourings derived from a commodity covered by Fairtrade Standards excluding vanilla)	√	√	√	
Fructose (sugar derived from fruits)	√	√	√	
Fruit Peels and Zests (all peels or zests from fruit covered by Fairtrade Standards - includes candied peels)	√	√	√	
Garlic (all derivatives e.g. puree, chunks etc)	√	√	√	
Ginger, Stem, all derivatives (e.g. ginger paste, syruped ginger, preserved ginger, crystallised or candied ginger) – Excludes ground ginger	√	√	√	
Grapefruit, juice (pink or ruby)	√	√	√	
Grape Juice	√	√	√	
Grape Skin powder	√	√	√	
Grape seed oil	√	√	√	
Lemon juice	√		√	
Lime juice	√			
Mango butter	√	√	√	
Mango, freeze dried	√	√	√	
Molasses		√	√	
Nut seed oils (excluding apricot kernel, almond, coconut, olive, brazil nut and sesame seed oil)	√	√	√	
Orange Granulate	√	√	√	May 2012
Papaya, dried and processed	√	√	√	
Parsley, IQF	√	√	√	May 2012
Passion fruit, juice, organic	√	√	√	June 2012

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Peaches, all derivatives e.g. juice, dried etc.	√	√	√	
Pear, Juice	√	√	√	May 2012
Pepper, red and yellow (frozen – IQF)	√	√	√	
Pepper, Cayenne (all derivatives e.g. ground)	√	√	√	
Pineapple, freeze-dried (from fresh)				June 2012
Physalis, dried	√	√	√	March 2012
Pineapples, freeze dried	√	√	√	
Propolis	√	√	√	May 2012
Quinoa Crisp	√	√	√	
Rice, Bran	√	√	√	
Rice – brown, toasted	√	√	√	
Rice Powder	√	√	√	
Rice Flour, Organic	√	√	√	
Rice Flour, Brown	√	√	√	March 2012
Rice Malt	√	√	√	
Rice Starch	√	√	√	
Rice Syrup		√	√	
Rice Wine Vinegar	√	√	√	
Sesame Oil		√		March 2012
Shea Nut powder	√	√	√	
Soya Lecithin	√	√	√	
Soy Milk	√	√	√	March 2012
Soy (all other derivatives)	√	√	√	March 2012
Spirits (excluding rum and Vodka)	√	√	√	
Sunflower Lecithin	√	√	√	March 2012
Sugar, Caramelised Syrup	√	√	√	
Tea, Green Matcha	√	√	√	May 2012
Treacle	√	√	√	
Turmeric, liquid	√	√	√	

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Vinegar, Red Wine	√	√	√	May 2012
Walnut Husk	√	√	√	

Section 3 - Composite ingredients

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Almond Sticks	√	√	√	March 2012
Chocolate sprinkles (confectionery or cake topping)	√	√	√	March 2012
Honeyed Oats (composite cereal ingredient containing honey)	√	√	√	
Marshmallow	√	√	√	May 2012
Peppermint Crisp (confectionery ingredient containing sugar and peppermint oil)	√	√	√	
Popcorn (sugar-coated) / Popping candy	√	√	√	March 2012
Rice Crisps, Organic (containing rice and sugar)	√	√	√	March 2012
Strawberry crisps(confectionery ingredient containing sugar)	√	√	√	March 2012
Sweetened Condensed Milk	√	√	√	