

1. Frozen peas shall be prepared from fresh, clean, sound, whole, immature seeds of peas plant of the species *Pisumsativum* L which have been washed, sufficiently blanched to ensure inactivation of enzymes and adequate stability of colour and flavour. It shall be stored at -18°C or below.

2. The product may contain sugars (Sucrose, invert sugar, dextrose, fructose, glucose syrup, dried glucose syrup), salt, spices and herbs, edible fats and oils, sauces, milk solids and any other ingredients suitable to the product whose standards are prescribed under Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.

3. The product shall be of reasonably uniform green colour according to type, whole, clean, free from foreign matter and damage by insects or diseases. It shall be free from any foreign taste or smell and shall have a normal flavour, taking into consideration any ingredients added. It shall not contain any added colour.

4. The Alcohol-insoluble solid content (m/m) of the product shall not be more than 23 per cent. for the sample size of 500 gm of product tolerance limits of defects shall not exceed the following:

S.No.	Defects	Tolerance limits
1.	Blond Peas, m/m	Not more than 10 per cent.
2.	Blemished Peas, m/m	Not more than 8 per cent.
3.	Seriously Blemished Peas, m/m	Not more than 4 per cent.
4.	Pea Fragments, m/m	Not more than 15 per cent.
5.	Extraneous Vegetable Matter, m/m	Not more than 1 per cent.

Explanation:- for the purpose of this sub-regulation,-

(i) Blond Peas.-Peas which are yellow or white but which are edible (that is, not sour or rotted).

(ii) Blemished Peas.-Peas which are slightly stained or spotted.

(iii) Seriously Blemished Peas.-Peas which are hard, spotted, discoloured or otherwise blemished to an extent that the appearance or eating quality is seriously affected. These shall include worm-eaten peas.

(iv) Peas Fragments.-Peas which are separated into portions or individual cotyledons; crushed, partial or broken cotyledons; and loose skins, but does not include entire intact peas with skins detached.

(v) Extraneous Vegetable Material. - Any vine or leaf or pod material from the pea plant, or other vegetable material such as poppy heads or thistles.