

# Finished Product Specification

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| <b>Product code</b> | BD-T&E-6X25 |
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| <b>Date issued</b>         | 04/03/2025  |
| <b>Version Number</b>      | 2   |
| <b>Product Name</b>        | Birchall Decaffeinated Tea 25 Tagged & Enveloped Tea Bags |
| <b>Product description</b> | Birchall Decaffeinated Tea 25 Tagged & Enveloped Tea Bags |
| <b>Tea code</b>            | CAT01DECAF (CAT01PR/PF1)                                  |
| <b>Unit Bar code</b>       | 5 021418 00409 6  |
| <b>Case bar code</b>       | 5 021418 00410 2  |

**Ingredients**

| Ingredients                                 | %     | COO           |
|---|-------|---------------|
| Black Tea (Caffeine content less than 0.2%) | 100.0 | Rwanda/ Kenya |
|   | 0.0   |               |
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| <b>On pack ingredients declaration</b> | Black Tea (100%) (Caffeine content less than 0.2%) |
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**Allergens**

| Allergen                   | Presence of allergen in product | Declared | Comments                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| Celery                     | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Cereals containing gluten  | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Crustaceans                | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Eggs                       | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Fish                       | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Lupin                      | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Milk/ dairy                | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Molluscs                   | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Mustard                    | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Nuts                       | Not present                     | N/A      | <b>Site operates a 'nut free' status</b> |
| Peanuts                    | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Sesame                     | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Soya                       | Not present                     | N/A      |  |
| Sulphur dioxide/ Sulphites | Not present                     | N/A      |  |

**Contains**

| This product contains              | Presence of allergen in product | Declared | Comments |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Additives                          | Not present                     | N/A      |          |
| Preservatives                      | Not present                     | N/A      |          |
| Natural Colours                    | Not present                     | N/A      |          |
| Artificial Colours                 | Not present                     | N/A      |          |
| Flavour Enhancers                  | Not present                     | N/A      |          |
| Sweeteners                         | Not present                     | N/A      |          |
| HVP (Hydrolysed Vegetable Protein) | Not present                     | N/A      |          |

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|-----------------------|-------------|-----|--|
| Natural Flavouring    | Not present | N/A |  |
| Flavouring Substances | Not present | N/A |  |
| Animal Product        | Not present | N/A |  |
| Alcohol               | Not present | N/A |  |

#### Suitable For

| Suitable for                             | Suitable for        | Comments |
|--|---------------------|----------|
| This product is suitable for Vegetarians | Yes                 |          |
| This product is suitable for Coeliacs    | Yes                 |          |
| This product is suitable for Vegans      | Yes                 |          |
| This product suitable diabetics          | Yes                 |          |
| This product suitable for Kosher diet    | Yes - Not certified |          |
| This product suitable for Halal diet     | Yes - Not certified |          |

#### Sustainability Certification

| Sustainability Certification   | Status | Comments |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Rain Forest Alliance Certified | Yes    |          |
| Fair Trade Certified           | No     |          |
| Organic certified              | No     |          |

#### Weight Information

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| Net weight of tea in bag (g)   | 2.5g  |
| Net weight of unit (g)         | 62.5g |
| Gross weight of unit (g)       | 117g  |
| No. units per a case           | 6     |
| Gross weight of case (g or Kg) | 817g  |

#### Nutritional Information

| Nutrient               | Per 100ml of infusion | Per a portion<br>(1 tea bag per 200ml) | Method     |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------|
| Energy (kJ)            | 3.5                   | 7.0                                    | Calculated |
| Energy (kcal)          | 1.0                   | 2.0                                    | Calculated |
| Protein (g)            | 0.0                   | 0.0                                    | Calculated |
| Fat (g)                | 0.0                   | 0.0                                    | Calculated |
| Of which saturates (g) | 0.0                   | 0.0                                    | Calculated |
| Carbohydrate (g)       | <0.5                  | <0.5                                   | Calculated |
| Sugar (g)              | <0.5                  | <0.5                                   | Calculated |
| Sodium (mg)            | 0.0                   | 0.0                                    | Calculated |
| Salt (g)               | 0.0                   | 0.0                                    | Calculated |

**NB: Camellia sinensis, Herbal and fruit infusions are exempt from mandatory nutritional labelling according to Regulation(EU)No 1169/2011**

#### Microbiological Standards

| Microbiological Test | Target         | Unacceptable    | Method & Frequency                                  |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| E.coli               | <1.0E+2 cfu/g  | >1.0E+2 cfu/g   | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Salmonella spp.      | Absent in 125g | Present in 125g | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Yeast                | <1.0E+4 cfu/g  | >1.0E+4 cfu/g   | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Mould                | <1.0E+5 cfu/g  | >1.0E+5 cfu/g   | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Aerobic Plate Count  | <1.0E+7 cfu/g  | >1.0E+7 cfu/g   | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |

## Chemical Standards

| Chemical Test                     | Target                               | Unacceptable                         | Method & Frequency                                  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Moisture                          | <8%                                  | >8%                                  | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Metal Cadmium (Cd)                | Max 1.0 mg / kg                      | >1.0 mg / kg                         | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Lead (Pb)                         | Max 5.0 mg /kg                       | >5.0 mg /kg                          | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Aflatoxin B1<br>☐                 | Max 2<br>µg / kg☐                    | >2 µg /kg☐                           | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Aflatoxin B1, B2, G1, G2 (as sum) | Max 4 µg / kg                        | >4 µg /kg                            | UKAS accredited method/<br>Based on risk assessment |
| Pesticides                        | Within UK & EU legislation<br>limits | Out of UK & EU legislation<br>limits | Based on risk assessment<br>/UKAS accredited method |

## Storage Instructions

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| <b>Storage Instructions</b>  | Keep sealed in a dry, ambient, environment away from direct sunlight and strong odours  |
| <b>Total Shelf life</b>  | 3 Years from date of pack   |
| <b>Minimum Life on Delivery</b>                                      | 6 Months  |
| <b>Shelf life once opened, if stored as per storage instructions</b> | We recommend 3 months from date of opening for the tea to be at its best or until displayed date code, which ever is shorter. |

## Packaging Information

| Component        | Material                                    | Recyclable/ Compostable  |
|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Tea paper        | Abaca & cellulosic fibres                   | Industrially compostable |
| Yarn             | Cotton                                      | Compostable              |
| Tag              | Paper                                       | Recyclable               |
| Envelope         | Kraft Paper (Derived from wood pulp)        | Recyclable               |
| Printed carton   | Virgin Fibre Board (Derived from wood pulp) | Recyclable               |
| Outer case       | Cardboard/Derived from wood pulp            | Recyclable               |
| Outer case Label | Paper                                       | Recyclable / Compostable |
|                  |   |                          |
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| <b>Unit Dimensions (cm)</b> | 8X7X14    |
| <b>Case Dimensions (cm)</b> | 9X44X15.5 |

## Coding Information

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| <b>Product code method</b>   | Printed date code and batch details or applied label with printed date and batch details |
| <b>Product code location</b> | At the bottom of the unit / on side  |
| <b>Traceability code</b>     | Batch number or B/N  |
| <b>Coding example</b>        | BBE: 05/2022   |

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