Product Name	MASCARPONE CHEESE

Product Code(s)	PRODUCT TYPE	APN	TUN	BRAND	PACK SIZE
	Mascarpone Cheese 250g	93 27020 00006 5	1 93 27020 00006 2	Montefiore Cheese	250g
	Mascarpone Cheese 500g	93 27020 00006 3	1 93 27020 06275 9	Montefiore Cheese	500g
	Mascarpone Cheese 1kg	93 27020 00003 1	1 93 27020 06271 1	Montefiore Cheese	1kg
	Mascarpone Cheese 5kg	N/A	N/A	Montefiore Cheese	5kg

1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Mascarpone is a soft spreadable cream cheese hot filled into tubs. 250g, 500g and 1kg tubs are sealed with a fine plastic film and lid to keep cheese fresh. The 5lkg bucket is sealed directly with a tamper seal lid.

2. PRODUCT & INGREDIENT PROPERTIES

Appearance / Colour	▪ Fresh, soft creamy white spreadable cream cheese. Fresh, hot filled in plastic containers with plastic heat film lid and/or fitted lid to ensure freshness.
Flavour / Odour	▪ Soft, creamy flavor with an aroma typical of fresh soft creamy milk cheese. Free from any objectionable flavours and odours.
Texture	▪ Soft and thick creamy texture.

3. PRODUCT PARAMETERS

	Parameter	Target	Range
Mascarpone unit & finished weight	Weight	250g	> 250g
	Weight	500g	> 500g
	Weight	1kg	> 1kg
	Weight	5kg	> 5kg
	Microbiological – E.coli	< 10 cfu/g at end of shelf life.	< 100 cfu/g
	Microbiological – staphylococci	< 100 cfu/g at end of shelf life.	< 1000 cfu/g
	Microbiological – listeria	Not Detected	ND
	Microbiological – salmonella	Not Detected	ND
Finished Carton	Weight	6 units x 250g = 1.5kg	> 1.5kg
	Weight	6 units x 500g = 3.0kg	> 3.0kg
	Weight	6 units x 1kg = 6.0kg	> 6.0kg

4. PACKAGING

COMPONENTS	REQUIREMENT
Primary Packaging	
Pre-printed Food Grade Plastic Tubs, fine Heat Film Seal and Lids	Mascarpone is packaged in 3 sizes: 250g; 500g; 1kg. Tubs are hot filled and immediately sealed with the fine heat film before lids are firmly fitted.
Food Grade Plastic Bucket with printed label applied.	Mascarpone 5kg buckets are hot filled and immediately sealed with a tamperproof bucket lid.

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Secondary Packaging	
Pre-printed Carton (h)126x(w)122x(l)243mm	6 x 250g finished units per carton.
Pre-printed Carton (h)80x(w)243x(l)363mm	6 x 500g finished units per carton.
Pre-printed Carton (h139x(w)243x(l)363mm	6 x 1kg finished units per carton.
Carton Label	Product description label is applied to the carton end. The carton label is pre-printed with; company name, company address & telephone, product description, net weight and storage instruction.
Batch Code & Best Before Date Label	Batch code and best before date are applied to a smaller label and placed on top of the carton.

5. STORAGE CONDITIONS AND SHELF LIFE

Mark (x)	**STORAGE CONDITIONS**	**SHELF LIFE**
X	Fresh: Keep Refrigerated. Store at or below 4°C.	Use By Date: 250g, 500g, 1kg – unopened – 365 days from day of production. After opened – 5 days 5kg – unopened – 3 months from day of production. After opened – 5 days
	Fresh MAP: Keep Refrigerated. Store at or below 4°C.	
	Keep Frozen. Store at or below minus 18°C.	

6. PHOTOGRAPHS



7. INGREDIENT DECLARATION

Cream, Milk, Sugar, Food Acid (330).

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8. NUTRITION INFORMATION PANEL			
Units per 250g package: Units per 1kg package:	5 20	Servings per 500g package: Servings per 5kg package:	10 100
Unit Size:	n/a	Serving Size:	50g

	Average Quantity **Per 50g Serving**		Average Quantity **Per 100g**	
Energy	928	kJ	1856	kJ
Protein	2.2	g	4.4	g
Fat	23.4	g	46.8	g
- saturated	14.8	g	29.6	g
Carbohydrate	1.4	g	2.8	g
- sugars	1.2	g	2.4	g
Sodium	10.7	mg	21.4	mg
Calcium	67	mg	134	mg

9. NUTRITION CLAIMS – N/A

10. ALLERGEN STATEMENT

Contains Milk

11. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Made in Australia with at least 99% Australian ingredients.

12. COOKING INSTRUCTIONS – N/A

13. FOOD STANDARDS CODE ADVISORY STATEMENTS

Yes	**Allergen Presence** – does this product contain the presence of an allergen or allergens according to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) food standard 1.2.3.
No	**Genetically Modified** – does this product contain genetically modified materials according to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) food standard 1.5.2.
No	**Not Irradiated –** does this product contain materials that have been irradiated, according to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) food standard 1.5.3.

Montefiore Cheese produces all products in compliance with Dairy Food Safety Victoria license conditions, Guidelines for Food Safety: Dairy Food Manufactures, the Food Standards Code and other Food Acts and Regulations.

14. TRANSPORT & DELIVERIES

All deliveries will be in refrigerated vehicles. The product delivery temperature will be at or below 4°C. The product will be delivered in a clean, well maintained vehicle with no evidence of pest infestation or physical abuse.

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15. END USER STORAGE & HANDLING
Storage:
Keep refrigerated at or below 4°C.
Handling:
Replace lid and keep refrigerated after opening.

16. MANUFACTURING SITE		
Work in Progress (WIP)	**Finished Product**	
	✓	Montefiore Cheese 17 Norwich Avenue Thomastown VIC 3074

17. SPECIFICATION ISSUE HISTORY

ISSUE NUMBER	REASON (List Section Updated)	DATE	NAME
1	New product specification for Mascarpone Cheese	08/11/11	Jackie Alford
2	Added a declaration that 99% of ingredients used in products are produced in Australia.	10/04/14	Jackie Alford
3	Removed Process Description – not applicable to specification.	06/02/15	Jackie Alford
4	Update nutritional table. Add sugar to the ingredient list.	05/12/16	Jackie Alford
5	Addition of salmonella to the product parameters.	08/03/17	Jackie Alford
6	Updated County of Origin.	17/05/18	Jackie Alford
7	Updated to include requirements for the 5kg unit.	11/07/19	Jackie Alford
8	Add in shelf life days after product opened	30/10/22	Angie Pitch
9	Amended shelf life from Best before to Use By	31/10/23	Angie Pitch
10	Removed cream under allergen statement	31/10/24	Angie Pitch

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