

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Description	: Whole dried, produced from selected pinhead seeds of <i>Piper nigrum</i>
Common Name	: Lada hitam (Indonesian), black pepper (English)
Botanical Name	: <i>Piper nigrum</i>
Plant Part Used	: Seeds

ANALYTICAL/PHYSICAL

Appearance	: Round seeds
Dark brown to black	: Dark brown to black
Odor	: Characteristic of black pepper, spicy, slightly woody, slightly earthy
Ash on dry basis (%)	: NMT 12.0
Acid Insoluble Ash on dry basis (%)	: NMT 1.5
Moisture Content (% w/w)	: NMT 12.0
Density (g/L)	: NLT 250
Volatile Oil (%)	: NMT 1.0
Foreign Matter (%)	: NMT 2.0

MICROBIOLOGICAL DATA

Total Plate Count (cfu/g)	: NMT 20,000
Yeast and Mold (cfu/g)	: NMT 500
E. coli & Coliform (cfu/g)	: None detected
Salmonella (cfu/25g)	: None detected

SHELF LIFE AND STORAGE RECOMMENDATION

Storage Recommendation	: Store under sealed condition or in a tight container in a cool, dry area, away from direct heat or light. Best when stored at temperatures 20 – 32° C.
Shelf Life	: One year when stored properly