

# Certificate of Conformance

## Stapleton-Spence Prune Products

This certificate is valid until December 31, 2018

**This is to certify that all prune products packed at any of the Stapleton's Companies (Stapleton-Spence Packing, Co., Howard Dryer Company, Rio Pluma Company, LLC. ) meet the following criteria.**

**Products Covered**      Natural Condition Prunes  
Bulk Prunes  
Prune Concentrate  
Bagged Prunes

**Origin:**              All of our prune products are grown and processed in the State of California, United States of America.

**GMO Status:**        All of our products are of natural origin and are not derived from genetically modified organisms (GMO)

**Brix/total sugars:**    Prunes: Average carbohydrate content is 65%. Average Total Sugars 32.5%. Average Brix level is 32.5 ±5% (variances due to delivered moisture and crop characteristics).

Concentrate: 70 Brix +/- 1 Brix

**Acidity:**            Prunes: 0.8 - 1.1% as malic acid

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**Pesticides** All prunes purchased by Stapleton-Spence are certified to be grown under the allowed practices of US Federal Law. Stapleton-Spence requires pesticide application certificates from all of its growers. Fruit is to meet the California League of Food Processors (CLFP) tolerances and to be free of pesticide residues outside of this list.

**Patulin** Patulin has not been found to be a problem in prunes and is not routinely tested for. Source: Dried Fruit Association, 2001.

**Aflatoxin** Aflatoxin has not been found to be a problem in prunes and is not routinely tested for. Source: Dried Fruit Association, 2001.

**Heavy Metals:** Heavy Metals - Analysis available upon request. Historical analysis by the Dried Fruit Association (DFA) show that heavy metal levels in prunes are uniformly low and are not of a health concern. Data covers Arsenic, cadmium, lead and nickel.

**Food Additives:** Potassium Sorbate added to bulk fruit over 25% moisture as tested by the DFA moisture tester. If potassium sorbate is added, it will be labeled as such on the outside of each container. No other preservative is added.

Prunes with a moisture level of under 25% contains no added preservatives.

Certified,

*Victor Hong*

Quality Control Department

