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Customer :	Laboratory Experimental Analysis
Process :	Batch Dehydration Heat Treatment for Drying of Apple

# TEST REPORT No: 47/KRDC/LAB/18 Mum 09/01/2018

Date Sample reception	: 09/01/2018
ID	: 47/LAB/08

#### SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:

Sampling	: Laboratory Investigation
Sample Condition	: Acceptable
Quantity	: 500 grams
Sampling date	: 09/01/2018
Product	: Red apple
Requirement	: Final product must be absolute dry with lowest moisture content
Start Date test	: 09/01/2018
End Date test	: 10/01/2018

## LABORATORY EXPERIMENTAL SET UP:



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Heating Zone	510*480*410 mm
(width*height*depth)	
No. of Heaters	6
Total Heater Power	6 kW
Motor	0.5 HP
Centrifugal Exhaust Blower	1440 rpm
No. of trays	6
Tray size	560*25*435 mm
(width*height*depth)	

# LAB BATCH DEHYDRATION HEATING SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS:

### **Environment-laboratory Ambient Conditions:**

Temperature (degree C)	25 degrees C (±5 degrees C)
Humidity (%)	<80 % RH
Pressure (kN/m2 or kPa)	Not recorded

**Note for recommendation:** Environmental conditions have a direct impact on test results. Accuracy and consistency of test data are affected by the laboratory conditions

## **EQUIPMENTS USED:**

Name of Equipment	Picture of Equipment	Specifications
Compact Thermal Imaging Camera		Model: FLIR E-30 Resolution: 160 x 120 IR Thermal sensitivity of 0.10°C

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Moisture Analyzer		Make: Axis Balance Description: Moisture range: 1%(sample 0.02/0.05g), 0.1% (Sample 0.5/5g), 0.01%(Sample>5g)
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# SAMPLE PREPARATION AND METHOD/PROCEDURE:

The experiment has been performed on apple slices without adding any additive to speed up the drying rate. The apple slices on dehydrator tray has placed in such a manner that none of the pieces are touching and there is some space around each slice for air to circulate for achieving even drying characteristics.

For experimental run, some amount of samples was taken and chopped into slices like chips of thickness about 5 mm by removing seeds and placed it on perforated tray and observations are made after every 1 hour by checking the weight loss on drying. Also, initial weight before drying and final weight after drying was taken.

## **ANALYTICAL RESULTS:**

#### 1. Apple Slices

## Initial sample weight: 411 grams

Time	Temperature	Weight noted	Weight loss	Remarks, if any
(hours)	(°C)	(grams)	(grams)	
After 1	60	175	236	Drying rate started
After 2	60	91	320	Drying phase continue
After 3	60	67	344	Variant of Drying rate
After 4	60	65	346	Variant of Drying rate
After 5	60	65	346	Constant drying rate
	(hours) After 1 After 2 After 3 After 4	(hours)(°C)After 160After 260After 360After 460	(hours)(°C)(grams)After 160175After 26091After 36067After 46065	(hours) (°C) (grams) (grams)   After 1 60 175 236   After 2 60 91 320   After 3 60 67 344   After 4 60 65 346

#### Sample weight after drying: 65 grams

Total weight loss on drying: 346 grams

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### Final Moisture Content: 4.19%

#### **Observation:**

The Drying behavior of apple slices has been investigated under the forced convention mode dryer. The drying rate is found to be decreasing with respect to increasing drying time. It has been found that the moisture content on the dry basis (%) decreases with respect to increase drying time.

In the processed sample, the fat, fiber, textural and color content has to analyze. As per physical investigation, it has been observed that there is no enzymatic browning (- for data, sample has to gone through colorimeter to get the browning index), solely significant difference in the browning index of the fresh apples and the apple slices.



## **GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF DRYING PARAMETERS:**

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### THERMAL IMAGE BEFORE AND AFTER HEAT TREATMENT:

#### **1. Before Heat Treatment**

Measure	ements	°C	)
Ar1	Max	27.5	
	Min	22.4	
	Average	25.3	
Sp1		25.9	
Parame	ters		
Emissivity		0.95	
Refl. temp.		20 °C	
Distance		2 m	
Relative humidity		50 %	
Atm. temp.		33 °C	
IR window	temp.	20 °C	
IR window transmission		1	



# 2. After Heat Treatment:

Ar1	Max	60.9	
	Min	29.1	
(3)	Average	47.9	
Sp1		56.4	
Parame	ters		
Emissivity		0.95	
Refl. temp		20 °C	
Distance		2 m	
Relative humidity		50 %	
Atm. temp.		33 °C	
IR window temp.		20 °C	
IR window transmissi		1	

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# **BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES OF TREATED SPECIMEN SAMPLE:**



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