

Best before date extension of Mars Foodservice Ready to Use Sauce Products

Dear MJ Baker,

At Mars Food, Quality & Food Safety are our top priorities. The best before dates on our products are set for when we can guarantee the quality of the food inside. These are currently set at 12 months for our Ready to Use Sauce Products.

We know that because of the Covid-19 pandemic many catering outlets have had to temporarily close or are serving far fewer customers.

In order to help support our catering colleagues, but keeping in mind the Quality of our products, we have reviewed the Best Before Dates of our Ready to Use Sauce products.

For a temporary period of time, we can confirm that on certain products, these Best Before Dates can be extended by 3 months as detailed in the table below. This extension has no impact on the food safety of the product, whilst ensuring they retain an acceptable quality.

Additional guidance on storage and usage of our products:

- If possible, store unopened jars in the fridge. This helps preserve the product better than at ambient temperatures
- If possible, store jars in a dark place. Light affects the sauces and can cause separation and/or discolouration. While this does disappear on shaking the bottle, keeping the sauce in the dark is better for preserving the product. This includes artificial light, such as a commercial fridge with lights on inside.
- Once opened the product should be handled as per the instructions on the pack.

Code	Product Description	Case Size	QTY (units)	Best Before End Date	Extension Date
256280-654	UB MEX SALSA 2X2.23KG	2	9	30/08/2020	30/11/2020
256279-654	UB KORMA SCE 2X2.23KG	2	1090	21/11/2020	21/02/2021
256280-654	UB MEX SALSA 2X2.23KG	2	225	25/10/2020	25/01/2021
256284-659	UB TIKKA MSLA 2X2.24KG	2	94	16/08/2020	16/11/2020
256284-659	UB TIKKA MSLA 2X2.24KG	2	558	20/11/2020	20/02/2021
256287-655	UB TEXAN BBQ 2X2.51KG	2	314	30/09/2020	30/12/2020
256287-655	UB TEXAN BBQ 2X2.51KG	2	7	22/10/2020	22/01/2021
256291-657	UB HKORY BBQ 2X2.49KG	2	228	12/11/2020	12/02/2021
256298-662	UB SWT/SR 2X2.3KG With Veg	2	173	04/12/2020	04/03/2021
256302-653	DOL BOLOGNESE 2X2.28KG	2	40	18/09/2020	18/12/2020
256302-653	DOL BOLOGNESE 2X2.28KG	2	310	19/09/2020	19/12/2020
256304-662	UB BLACK BEAN 2X2.3KG	2	54	18/10/2020	18/01/2021
256304-662	UB BLACK BEAN 2X2.3KG	2	186	28/11/2020	28/02/2021
256307-663	UB S/THAI CHL 2X2.54KG	2	379	11/12/2020	11/03/2021
256308-660	UB SWT/SR 2X2.43KG No Veg	2	241	05/11/2020	05/02/2021
256309-654	DOL A'BBIATA 2X2.23KG	2	111	17/09/2020	17/12/2020
256312-652	DOL TOM&BAS 2X2.27KG	2	1412	31/10/2020	31/01/2021
396068-654	UB KATSU CURRY 2X2.23KG	2	75	14/11/2020	14/02/2021

Our Best Before Dates are based on rigorous shelf life tests which ensure that the product retains consistent quality throughout the life of the product. During our studies we found that the Quality of the following variants cannot be assured after 12 months. Whilst these variants do not present a food safety risk at 15 months post manufacture date, we do not recommend a BBD extension on these products.

Code	Product Description	Case Size	QTY	Best Before End Date	Extension Date
256283-659	UB BALTI SCE 2X2.24KG	2		NO EXTENSION	NO EXTENSION
256278-656	UB CHILLI CC 2X2.29KG	2		NO EXTENSION	NO EXTENSION

We hope that these extensions help you through this difficult time. Thank you for choosing Mars Food products and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the future

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Best before date extension of Mars Foodservice 5kg Wholegrain Rice

Dear MJ Baker,

At Mars Food, Quality & Food Safety are our top priorities. The best before dates on our products are set for when we can guarantee the quality of the food inside. This is currently set at 12 months for our 5kg Wholegrain Rice product.

We know that because of the Covid-19 pandemic many catering outlets have had to temporarily close or are serving far fewer customers.

In order to help support our catering colleagues, but keeping in mind the Quality of our products, we have reviewed the Best Before Date of our 5kg Wholegrain Rice.

For a temporary period of time, we can confirm the Best Before Date can be extended by 3 months as detailed in the table below. This extension has no impact to the food safety of the product, whilst ensuring it retains an acceptable quality.

Additional guidance on storage and usage of our products:

- Store at room temperature, in dry conditions

Code	Product Description	Case Size	QTY (Units)	Best Before End Date	Extension Date
200045-305	UB WHOLEGRAIN RICE 3x5KG	3	6	10/09/2020	10/12/2020
200045-305	UB WHOLEGRAIN RICE 3x5KG	3	39	03/11/2020	03/02/2021

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