

# PROCESSING OF CUTTLE FISH

## FROZEN CUTTLE FISH- Types of products:

Cuttlefish is frozen in the following styles;

1. Cuttlefish whole
2. Cuttlefish fillets / flat pack
3. Cuttlefish with/ without tentacles
4. Cuttlefish tentacles
5. Cuttlefish wings / fins
6. Cuttlefish head meat.

## Pre- processing handling:

Sort out the cuttlefish species wise (if required) and size wise.

Discard those with broken ink sac, bruised, damaged, or discoloured pieces

Wash well in potable water or clean uncontaminated sea water

Stock the raw material in the insulated boxes at the earliest, under crushed ice.

The material is handled carefully during loading, transportation, and unloading.

## **PROCESSING:**

Depending upon the type of pack desired handle the raw material further as follow:

### **Cuttlefish whole**

The ink sac is tied with twine or clip it.

Wash carefully using potable water.

Pack in polythene lined waxed duplex cartons.

### **Cuttlefish fillets**

Remove head and tentacles.

Pull out the cuttle bone.

Eviscerate taking care to avoid breaking of inksac.

Remove the skin along with fins.

Wash thoroughly in chilled potable water.

**Cuttlefish rolled pack:**

**Roll the fillets in to tubes.**

**Pack as blocks, shatter pack or IQF**

**Cuttlefish whole cleaned :**

**Remove the cuttle bone, viscera and ink sac carefully without detaching the tentacles and skin.**

**Remove the eye balls and beak.**

**Wash carefully in chilled potable water.**

# GRADES OF SQUID PRODUCT:

Squid whole :

U/3, 3/6, 10/20, 20/40, 40/60 per kilogram.

Packing in 2kg blocks in waxed baby cartons .10 such blocks in a master carton.

Squid whole cleaned:

U/10, 10/20, 20/40, 40/60, 80 up per kg and broken.

Packaging in 2kg blocks in waxed carton. 10 such blocks in a master carton.

Squid tubes:

U/10, 10/20, 20/40, 40/60, 60/80 per kg and broken.

Packing either as IQE or block frozen

Squid rings :

IQF

Assorted ; packaging in consumer packs or in 1 0r 2 kg poly bags  
as specified by the buyer.

10 0r 20 such bags in a master carton.

Squid tentacles:

Assorted ; packaging in 2 kg blocks in waxed baby cartons. 10 such  
carton in a master carton.

# Grades of cuttlefish products:

Cuttlefish whole :

50/100, 100/150, 150/ 300, 500/700, 700/1000, 1000 up.

Packing in 2 kg blocks.

Cuttlefish whole cleaned :

1/2, 2/4, 5/7, 8/12, 31/40, 41/60, 61/80, 80 up per kg.

Packing 1 or 2 kg in poly bags, 20 or 10 such bags in a master carton.

The product may also be frozen as IQF.

Cuttlefish fillets:

U/1, 1/2, 2/4, 5/7, 8/12, 13/20, 20/30, 30/40, 40/60, 60/80, 80 up per kg.

Packing in 1 or 2 kg in poly bags.



# CUTTLE FISH WOLE



CUTTLEFISH WHOLE CLEANED



CUTTLEFISH FILLET



# CUTTLEFISH ROLLED

