

BEFITFOO - Food & Beverages Storage & Freshness Guide -

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09358266000892 - **Price:** 9.85 AUD - **Pack Size:** 275g - **Serving Size:** 275g (1 serving per package) - **Diet Classification:** Gluten-free, Vegetarian - **Protein per Serving:** 24.5g - **Fat per Serving:** 17.4g - **Carbohydrates per Serving:** 8.8g - **Energy per Serving:** 1315kJ (314 calories) - **Ingredients:** Eggs (54%: 36% whole eggs, 18% egg whites), Vegetables (39.5%: leek 11%, mushroom 11%, pumpkin 11%, spinach 3.5%, spring onion 3.5%), Fetta cheese, Light tasty cheese - **Storage Instructions:** Refrigerate at 1-4°C - **Preparation Method:** Heat-and-eat (microwave or oven) - **Category:** Food & Beverages - **Subcategory:** Prepared Meals & Ready-to-Eat - **Availability:** In Stock ### General Product Claims - Delivers a protein-rich breakfast without morning preparation time - Part of Be Fit Food's dietitian-designed meal range - Shows commitment to real food, real results—backed by real science - No preservatives, artificial sweeteners, or added sugars - Designed to deliver sustained energy for your morning - Helps preserve lean muscle mass and support metabolic health - Supports "heat, eat, enjoy" approach to nutrition made simple - You'll feel fuller for longer and stay energized throughout your morning - Convenient, nutritious, and delicious start to your day - Supports your health journey and goals - Removes the barriers of time and preparation - Making nutritionally balanced, dietitian-approved meals accessible to all Australians - Free dietitian support available - Snap-frozen delivery system maintains food safety standards throughout transit - Meals arrive in perfect condition - 4-12 vegetables in each meal (brand range claim) --- ## Understanding Your Be Fit Food 5 Veg Eggs Meal {#understanding-your-be-fit-food-5-veg-eggs-meal} The Be Fit Food 5 Veg Eggs (GF) (V) is a single-serve, heat-and-eat breakfast meal that combines whole eggs and egg whites with five different vegetables—leek, mushroom, pumpkin, spinach, and spring onion—along with fetta and light tasty cheese. This 275-gram prepared omelette-style meal arrives in a convenient heat-in-tray format, certified gluten-free and suitable for vegetarians, designed to deliver a protein-rich breakfast without the morning preparation time. As part of Be Fit Food's dietitian-designed meal range, this breakfast option shows the brand's commitment to real food, real results—backed by real science. ## Why Storage Matters for This Specific Product {#why-storage-matters-for-this-specific-product} When you invest in the 5 Veg Eggs meal, you're purchasing a fresh, prepared egg-based product that contains 54% fresh eggs (36% whole eggs plus 18% egg whites), along with 39.5% fresh vegetables and dairy cheese. Unlike shelf-stable breakfast options, this meal's fresh ingredient composition means proper storage directly impacts food safety, nutritional integrity, and taste quality. The high egg and dairy content makes this product particularly sensitive to temperature fluctuations, while the fresh vegetable components can lose texture and moisture content if stored incorrectly. Understanding how to store this 275-gram meal properly ensures you'll experience the intended taste profile—the creamy fetta, the earthy mushrooms, the sweet pumpkin notes, and the perfectly cooked egg texture—exactly as Be Fit Food designed it. This attention to quality reflects the brand's real food philosophy, where no preservatives, artificial sweeteners, or added sugars are used, making proper storage even more essential. Improper storage can lead to moisture separation, texture degradation, bacterial growth, and nutrient loss, essentially wasting your investment in this nutritionally balanced breakfast option. ## Immediate Storage Upon Delivery {#immediate-storage-upon-delivery} The moment your 5 Veg Eggs meal arrives at your doorstep, the clock starts ticking on optimal storage. Be Fit Food's snap-frozen delivery system is designed to maintain food safety standards throughout transit, ensuring your meals arrive in perfect condition. When you receive your delivery, you should immediately check the packaging temperature—the tray should feel cold to the touch, indicating the cold chain remains maintained. Within 30 minutes of delivery, transfer the meal to your refrigerator or freezer as appropriate. If you've ordered multiple servings or a weekly meal plan that includes this breakfast option, prioritize refrigerating the 5 Veg Eggs meals first, as egg-based products are more temperature-sensitive than many other prepared foods. The 275-gram tray is designed to stack efficiently in standard refrigerators, so you can store multiple units without consuming excessive shelf space. If your delivery arrives and the packaging feels warm or room temperature, contact Be Fit Food customer service immediately. Egg-based products that remain outside the safe temperature zone (above 5°C/41°F for more than two hours) may enter the bacterial danger zone, where pathogens like *Salmonella* can multiply rapidly. Given that this meal contains 54% egg content plus dairy cheese, temperature abuse during shipping is a legitimate food safety concern that requires immediate attention. ## Optimal Refrigeration Temperature and Placement

{#optimal-refrigeration-temperature-and-placement} Your refrigerator should maintain a consistent temperature between 1°C and 4°C (34°F to 39°F) for storing the 5 Veg Eggs meal. This temperature range significantly slows bacterial growth while preventing the freezing point (0°C/32°F) that could damage the meal's texture. Egg proteins and the moisture content in the vegetables (leek, mushroom, pumpkin, spinach, and spring onion) are particularly susceptible to ice crystal formation, which ruptures cell walls and creates a watery, separated texture upon thawing. Place your 5 Veg Eggs meal on a middle shelf in your refrigerator, not in the door compartments. Refrigerator doors experience the most temperature fluctuation due to frequent opening and closing, with temperatures sometimes spiking 5-7°C higher than the main compartment during extended door-open periods. Since this meal contains both whole eggs and egg whites as the primary ingredients (54% of total composition), maintaining stable cold temperatures is critical for preventing bacterial multiplication. Avoid storing the meal directly against the back wall of your refrigerator, where temperatures can drop below freezing in some appliance models. The 275-gram tray should sit flat on the shelf, not tilted or stacked with heavy items on top, which could compress the meal and affect its presentation and texture. The heat-in-tray format is designed to maintain the omelette's structure, but physical pressure during storage can cause the egg mixture to compress unevenly. Keep the meal in its original sealed tray until you're ready to heat and consume it. The packaging is specifically designed to create a modified atmosphere that extends freshness and prevents cross-contamination from other refrigerator odors. Eggs readily absorb strong odors, so storing the 5 Veg Eggs meal near pungent foods like onions, garlic, or strong cheeses (beyond the fetta and light tasty cheese already in the recipe) can transfer unwanted flavours to your breakfast. Be Fit Food's commitment to clean-label ingredients—with no artificial preservatives—means proper storage is your best tool for maintaining freshness.

Shelf Life and Best-Before Dating

{#shelf-life-and-best-before-dating} The 5 Veg Eggs meal comes with a best-before date printed on the packaging, which represents the manufacturer's guarantee of optimal quality when stored under proper refrigeration conditions. For prepared egg-based meals like this one, refrigerated shelf life ranges from 5 to 10 days from the production date, though Be Fit Food's specific shelf life for this product should be verified on your individual package. The best-before date assumes continuous refrigeration at 1-4°C and an unopened, sealed tray. This dating reflects not just food safety considerations but also the peak quality period for the meal's sensory attributes. During the first half of the shelf life, the vegetables maintain maximum crispness and colour vibrancy, the fetta cheese retains its characteristic tangy flavour, and the egg proteins maintain their intended texture without developing any off-flavours. As the meal approaches its best-before date, you may notice subtle quality changes even though the product remains safe to consume. The spinach and spring onion may darken slightly due to oxidation, the mushrooms might release additional moisture into the egg mixture, and the pumpkin could soften beyond its original texture. These changes don't necessarily indicate spoilage but represent natural degradation of fresh ingredients over time—a reality of Be Fit Food's real food approach that avoids artificial preservatives. Never consume the 5 Veg Eggs meal after the best-before date passes. Unlike shelf-stable products where best-before dates indicate peak quality rather than safety limits, prepared egg and dairy products carry strict use-by considerations. The combination of eggs (36% whole eggs plus 18% egg whites), dairy cheese (fetta and light tasty cheese), and fresh vegetables creates a nutrient-rich environment where bacteria can proliferate rapidly once the meal exits its optimal freshness window.

Freezing Considerations and Limitations

{#freezing-considerations-and-limitations} While the 5 Veg Eggs meal is designed for refrigerated storage and immediate consumption, some customers consider freezing to extend shelf life beyond the refrigerated best-before date. Be Fit Food's snap-frozen delivery system is optimized for their meals, but freezing this particular product at home comes with significant trade-offs that affect quality, texture, and the overall eating experience. The 275-gram meal contains 11% mushrooms, which carry extremely high water content (approximately 90% water by weight). When frozen, ice crystals form within the mushroom's cellular structure, and upon thawing, these mushrooms release excessive liquid, creating a watery separation in the egg mixture. Similarly, the 3.5% spinach content will become limp and lose its structural integrity after freezing and thawing, as leafy greens contain water-filled vacuoles that rupture when frozen. The egg component (54% of the meal) presents additional freezing challenges. While raw eggs can freeze successfully, this is a cooked egg preparation. Cooked egg

whites become rubbery and develop an unpleasant, tough texture when frozen and reheated. The protein bonds that formed during the initial cooking process don't reverse during thawing, and reheating post-freezing creates a doubly-cooked effect that results in a dry, chewy texture far removed from the original creamy omelette consistency. The dairy components—fetta cheese and light tasty cheese—also suffer during freezing. Cheese contains both fat and water, which separate during the freeze-thaw process. Upon thawing, you'll likely see moisture separation and grainy texture in the cheese, with the fetta losing its characteristic crumbly texture and becoming mealy or pasty. If you absolutely must freeze the 5 Veg Eggs meal (for example, if you've over-ordered and cannot consume it before the best-before date), follow these damage-control steps: Keep the meal in its original sealed tray, place it in a freezer-safe bag to prevent freezer burn, label it with the freezing date, and store it at -18°C (0°F) or below. Consume within one month of freezing. Thaw in the refrigerator overnight (never at room temperature, which creates food safety risks), and expect significantly compromised texture and some moisture separation. The nutritional content—the 24.5 grams of protein, 17.4 grams of fat, and 8.8 grams of carbohydrates per 275-gram serving—will remain largely intact, but the eating experience will be notably inferior to the fresh, never-frozen version.

Signs of Spoilage and When to Discard {#signs-of-spoilage-and-when-to-discard}

Even with proper refrigeration, you should inspect your 5 Veg Eggs meal before heating and consuming it. Familiarizing yourself with spoilage indicators helps prevent foodborne illness and ensures you're experiencing the product at its intended quality level.

Visual inspection: Examine the meal through the tray packaging before opening. The egg mixture should maintain a consistent, appetizing appearance with visible vegetable pieces (leek, mushroom, pumpkin, spinach, spring onion) distributed throughout. If you notice any mould growth—which may appear as fuzzy spots in white, green, black, or blue colours—discard the entire meal immediately. Mould on prepared egg products indicates the meal remained stored too long or experienced temperature abuse. Check for excessive liquid separation. While a small amount of moisture is normal in prepared egg dishes, if you see the vegetables swimming in liquid or the egg appears separated into distinct watery and solid layers, the meal's quality degraded beyond acceptable standards. This separation often indicates that the meal was frozen and thawed (perhaps during shipping issues) or stored at inconsistent temperatures. The vegetables should retain recognizable colour. The spinach should appear dark green (not brown or black), the pumpkin should show its characteristic orange hue (not gray or dull brown), and the mushrooms should be light tan to white (not slimy or dark brown). Significant colour changes indicate oxidation and deterioration of the fresh ingredients—particularly important given Be Fit Food's commitment to 4-12 vegetables in each meal.

Smell assessment: When you open the tray packaging, the 5 Veg Eggs meal should emit a pleasant, savoury aroma characteristic of cooked eggs, vegetables, and cheese. You should detect the earthy scent of mushrooms, the mild onion notes from the leek and spring onion, and the tangy dairy smell from the fetta and light tasty cheese. Any sour, ammonia-like, or sulfurous odours beyond the normal egg smell indicate bacterial spoilage. Eggs naturally contain small amounts of sulfur compounds, but spoiled egg products develop an unmistakably strong, unpleasant sulfur smell often described as "rotten eggs." If you detect this odour, discard the meal without tasting it. Similarly, if the cheese components smell unusually sour or yeasty, bacterial or yeast contamination occurred.

Texture check: Before heating, gently touch the surface of the meal (if you've opened the packaging). The egg mixture should feel firm and cohesive, not slimy or excessively wet. Sliminess indicates bacterial growth producing biofilm, a clear sign of spoilage that makes the product unsafe to consume.

Temperature verification: If you carry any doubt about whether the meal remained stored at proper refrigeration temperatures, use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature. The meal should be 4°C (39°F) or below. If the temperature is above 5°C (41°F) and you're uncertain how long it remained at that temperature, err on the side of caution and discard it. The high protein content (24.5g per serving) and moisture content make this meal an excellent medium for bacterial growth if temperature-abused.

Storage After Opening or Partial Consumption

{#storage-after-opening-or-partial-consumption} The 5 Veg Eggs meal is designed as a single-serve portion (275 grams, one complete serving), intended to be consumed entirely after heating. The nutrition panel confirms "Servings per package: 1," indicating this meal isn't meant for partial consumption and reheating. However, if you heat the meal and cannot finish the entire 275-gram

portion, you face storage challenges. Once heated, the egg proteins undergo additional cooking, and the vegetables release moisture. This reheated state is not suitable for refrigeration and subsequent reheating. Eggs that are cooked, cooled, and reheated multiple times develop increasingly tough, rubbery textures and present elevated food safety risks. If you must store leftover heated portions (though this is not recommended), transfer the remaining food to an airtight container immediately, refrigerate within one hour of heating, and consume within 24 hours maximum. Reheat only once to an internal temperature of 75°C (165°F) to kill any bacteria that may multiply during cooling and storage. Be aware that the texture will be significantly compromised—the egg will become dry and rubbery, the vegetables will turn mushy, and the cheese may separate and become greasy. A better approach: If you know you cannot consume the full 275-gram serving, consider whether this product is the right portion size for your needs. Be Fit Food offers a range of portion-controlled meals designed to deliver sustained energy for your morning. The meal is nutritionally balanced as a complete serving, providing 24.5g of protein, 8.8g of carbohydrates, and 17.4g of fat. Consuming only a portion disrupts this nutritional balance and wastes the carefully formulated meal. You might also consider consulting Be Fit Food's free dietitian support to find the optimal meal options for your appetite and nutritional needs.

Storage Environment Optimization {#storage-environment-optimization}

Beyond basic refrigeration, optimizing your storage environment helps maximize the 5 Veg Eggs meal's shelf life and quality retention. Your refrigerator's humidity levels, air circulation, and organization all impact how well this egg and vegetable preparation maintains its intended characteristics.

****Humidity control**:** Eggs and egg-based products benefit from moderate humidity levels in the refrigerator, around 30-40% relative humidity. Excessive humidity can promote bacterial growth and cause condensation on the meal's packaging, while too-dry conditions can lead to moisture loss from the vegetables, making the spinach wilt further and the pumpkin dry out. Many modern refrigerators include humidity-controlled crisper drawers, but these are generally too humid for prepared egg dishes. The middle shelf of your main refrigerator compartment offers the ideal humidity balance.

****Air circulation**:** Ensure your refrigerator isn't overpacked, which restricts cold air circulation and creates temperature variations. The 5 Veg Eggs tray should include space around it for cold air to flow, maintaining consistent cooling across all surfaces of the meal. Stacking multiple trays is acceptable, but leave a small gap between the stack and the shelf above to allow air movement.

****Odour management**:** Since eggs absorb odours readily, store the 5 Veg Eggs meal away from strong-smelling foods. The fetta cheese already provides a tangy, savoury note to the meal, but it shouldn't pick up flavours from nearby garlic, raw onions, fish, or other pungent items. If your refrigerator carries persistent odour issues, place an open box of baking soda in the back to absorb smells, keeping the 5 Veg Eggs meal's flavour profile clean and as intended.

****Light exposure**:** While your refrigerator is dark when closed, some models include interior lighting that remains on or pulses periodically. Light exposure can degrade certain nutrients, particularly riboflavin (vitamin B2) and vitamin A, both present in eggs. The opaque tray packaging protects against this, but if you've transferred the meal to a different container for any reason, choose an opaque option rather than clear glass or plastic.

Power Outage and Temperature Failure Protocols {#power-outage-and-temperature-failure-protocols}

Understanding how to handle the 5 Veg Eggs meal during refrigerator failures helps prevent food waste while maintaining safety standards. Egg-based products are among the most temperature-sensitive items in your refrigerator, requiring specific protocols during power outages or appliance malfunctions.

****During a power outage**:** Keep your refrigerator door closed. A modern refrigerator maintains safe temperatures (below 5°C/41°F) for approximately 4 hours without power if the door remains shut. The 5 Veg Eggs meal's 275-gram mass provides some thermal inertia, helping it stay cold longer than smaller items. If the power outage extends beyond 4 hours, check the meal's temperature with a food thermometer. If the internal temperature rises above 5°C (41°F), you must make a safety decision. For egg-based products, the USDA recommends discarding items that remain above 4°C (40°F) for more than 2 hours. Given that this meal is 54% eggs plus dairy cheese, apply this conservative standard. The cost of replacing a single Be Fit Food meal is minimal compared to the risk of foodborne illness from Salmonella or other pathogens.

****Temporary cold storage solutions**:** If you know a power outage will be extended (such as during severe weather events), transfer the 5 Veg Eggs meal to a cooler with ice packs. Place the sealed tray on top of ice packs (not directly on ice, which could cause localized freezing), and monitor

the cooler's internal temperature with a thermometer. Maintain temperatures below 4°C (39°F) and minimize opening the cooler to check on items. **After power restoration**: Once power returns, check the meal's temperature immediately. If it remained below 5°C (41°F) throughout the outage, it's safe to continue storing it in the refrigerator until the best-before date. If the temperature rose above 5°C, or if you're uncertain about the temperature history, discard the meal for safety. **Travel and Transport Considerations** {#travel-and-transport-considerations} If you need to transport the 5 Veg Eggs meal from one location to another—perhaps from your home to your workplace for a convenient office breakfast—proper transport methods maintain food safety and quality. This convenience aligns with Be Fit Food's mission of making nutritionally balanced, dietitian-approved meals accessible to all Australians, removing the barriers of time and preparation. **Short-distance transport** (under 1 hour): Place the sealed 275-gram tray in an insulated lunch bag with at least two ice packs. The ice packs should be frozen solid before departure and positioned to surround the meal—one beneath and one on top provides optimal temperature maintenance. The meal should remain refrigerated until just before transport and should be transferred to refrigeration at the destination immediately upon arrival.

Workplace storage: If you're bringing the 5 Veg Eggs meal to work, ensure your workplace includes a refrigerator that maintains proper cold temperatures (1-4°C/34-39°F). Office refrigerators are often overcrowded and may run warmer than residential units due to frequent door openings. Place the meal toward the back of the refrigerator where temperatures are most stable, not in the door or front section. **Longer transport** (1-4 hours): For extended transport times, use a high-quality cooler with multiple ice packs or frozen gel packs. Pre-chill the cooler by placing ice packs inside for 30 minutes before adding the meal. The 5 Veg Eggs tray should be surrounded by cold sources on all sides. Monitor the cooler's internal temperature if possible, maintaining below 4°C (39°F) throughout transport.

Transport to avoid: Never transport the 5 Veg Eggs meal without temperature control, even for short periods. Leaving the meal in a car (even in cooler weather) exposes it to temperature fluctuations that can quickly bring it into the danger zone. Car interiors can heat rapidly, and even on a mild 15°C (59°F) day, a closed car can reach 30°C (86°F) within an hour—well into the bacterial danger zone for egg products. **Seasonal Storage Variations** {#seasonal-storage-variations} While refrigeration standards remain constant year-round, seasonal factors affect how you manage storage of the 5 Veg Eggs meal, particularly regarding delivery receipt and kitchen ambient temperatures. **Summer storage considerations**: During hot weather, the time window between delivery and refrigeration becomes even more critical. If outdoor temperatures exceed 30°C (86°F), reduce the acceptable time before refrigeration from 30 minutes to 15 minutes. The temperature differential between the cold meal and hot ambient air accelerates warming, potentially bringing the product into unsafe temperature ranges more quickly. Summer also increases your refrigerator's workload. Ensure your appliance is functioning efficiently—clean the condenser coils, check the door seals, and avoid overloading the unit. Your refrigerator works harder in summer to maintain 1-4°C internal temperatures when ambient kitchen temperatures may reach 25-30°C (77-86°F). **Winter storage considerations**: Cold weather presents different challenges. If you receive a Be Fit Food delivery on a particularly cold day (below 5°C/41°F outdoor temperature), the meal may arrive partially frozen, especially if it was positioned near ice packs during shipping. Partial freezing affects the texture of the vegetables and egg mixture, though it doesn't present a safety concern. If you notice ice crystals or frozen sections in your delivered meal, transfer it to the refrigerator (not room temperature) to thaw slowly and evenly. Slow refrigerator thawing minimizes texture damage compared to rapid room-temperature thawing. The meal should thaw completely within 6-8 hours in your refrigerator and should be consumed within 2-3 days of thawing for optimal quality. **Nutritional Stability During Storage** {#nutritional-stability-during-storage} The 5 Veg Eggs meal's nutritional profile—24.5g protein, 17.4g fat, 8.8g carbohydrates, and 1315kJ (314 calories) per 275g serving—remains largely stable during proper refrigerated storage, but some nutrient degradation occurs over time. This high-protein, lower-carbohydrate composition reflects Be Fit Food's dietitian-designed approach to balanced nutrition. **Protein stability**: The protein content, derived primarily from the eggs (36% whole eggs plus 18% egg whites) and cheese (fetta and light tasty cheese), remains stable throughout the refrigerated shelf life. Protein molecules are relatively robust during cold storage, and you can expect to receive the full 24.5 grams of protein whether you consume the meal on day one or near the best-before date. This protein content supports Be Fit Food's focus on

meals that help preserve lean muscle mass and support metabolic health. ****Fat stability**:** The 17.4 grams of fat per serving comes from eggs, cheese, and the olive oil used in preparation. Fats can undergo oxidation during storage, particularly unsaturated fats from the olive oil. However, the sealed tray packaging limits oxygen exposure, significantly slowing oxidation. Proper refrigeration further slows oxidative reactions. The fat content remains nutritionally available throughout the shelf life, though minor flavour changes may occur as fats oxidize slightly, potentially creating subtle off-notes in the olive oil's flavour profile near the end of the shelf life. ****Carbohydrate stability**:** The 8.8 grams of carbohydrates come primarily from the vegetables—pumpkin (11%), leek (11%), mushroom (11%), spinach (3.5%), and spring onion (3.5%). These carbohydrates, mostly in the form of dietary fibre and natural vegetable sugars, remain stable during refrigerated storage. The fibre content doesn't degrade, and the simple sugars in the vegetables don't significantly break down at refrigeration temperatures.

****Vitamin degradation**:** Vitamins show varying stability during refrigerated storage. Water-soluble vitamins (B-complex and vitamin C) are most vulnerable to degradation. The spinach and other vegetables in this meal contain vitamin C, which degrades progressively during storage through enzymatic activity that continues even at refrigeration temperatures, though much more slowly than at room temperature. After 5-7 days of refrigerated storage, expect 10-20% vitamin C loss. B-vitamins, abundant in eggs, show better stability, with minimal loss during the standard shelf life. Fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K) present in the egg yolks and vegetables demonstrate good stability during refrigerated storage, with minimal degradation over the product's shelf life. Vitamin A from the pumpkin and eggs remains largely intact throughout proper storage. ****Mineral stability**:** Minerals like calcium (from the cheese and eggs), iron (from the spinach and eggs), and other trace minerals remain completely stable during storage. The 275g serving's mineral content doesn't degrade over time, regardless of storage duration within the shelf life.

Storage Container Integrity and Safety
{#storage-container-integrity-and-safety} The 5 Veg Eggs meal arrives in a heat-in-tray format designed for both storage and reheating. Understanding this packaging helps you maintain food safety and meal quality throughout storage. This convenient format shows Be Fit Food's "heat, eat, enjoy" approach to nutrition made simple. ****Packaging design**:** The tray is constructed from food-grade materials approved for both refrigerated storage and heating (specific heating method should be verified on package instructions—usually microwave or conventional oven). The sealed film covering maintains a modified atmosphere inside the tray, which limits oxygen exposure and extends freshness beyond what open storage would provide. ****Seal integrity**:** Before storing, inspect the tray's seal. The film should be tightly adhered to the tray rim with no gaps, tears, or punctures. A compromised seal allows oxygen entry, which accelerates oxidation of fats and nutrients, promotes bacterial growth, and allows cross-contamination from other refrigerator odours. If you receive a meal with a broken seal, contact Be Fit Food immediately—do not store or consume it. ****Tray damage**:** Examine the tray for cracks or damage. Even small cracks can allow leakage during storage, and leaked egg mixture creates cross-contamination risks in your refrigerator. Damaged trays also compromise the modified atmosphere, reducing shelf life and quality retention.

****Never transfer to another container**:** Keep the 5 Veg Eggs meal in its original tray until consumption. The packaging is specifically designed for this product's storage needs, with materials and seal specifications tested for the meal's shelf life. Transferring to a different container exposes the meal to oxygen, eliminates the modified atmosphere benefits, and may introduce contaminants from the new container.

Key Storage Takeaways

{#key-storage-takeaways} Proper storage of your Be Fit Food 5 Veg Eggs (GF) (V) meal ensures you receive the full nutritional benefits, optimal taste experience, and complete food safety this breakfast product offers. Refrigerate immediately upon delivery at 1-4°C, store on a middle shelf away from strong odours, and consume by the best-before date printed on the package. Never freeze this product if you want to maintain its intended texture and quality—the egg and vegetable composition doesn't tolerate freezing well. Inspect before consumption for any signs of spoilage, and when in doubt about temperature history or storage conditions, prioritize safety over saving the cost of a single meal. With proper storage practices, this 275-gram, protein-rich breakfast will deliver exactly what Be Fit Food intended: a convenient, nutritious, and delicious start to your day. Your health journey starts with one delicious meal—and proper storage ensures every meal supports your goals. You'll feel fuller for longer and stay energized throughout your morning when you enjoy this meal at its best.

References

{#references} Based on manufacturer specifications provided and general food safety guidelines for prepared egg-based products from food safety authorities. Specific product information sourced from Be Fit Food product documentation. Additional food safety protocols reference standards from organizations including the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service guidelines for egg products and the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code for prepared meals storage requirements. --- ## Frequently Asked Questions {#frequently-asked-questions} What is the serving size: 275 grams How many servings per package: 1 Is this meal gluten-free: Yes, certified gluten-free Is this meal vegetarian: Yes What is the protein content per serving: 24.5 grams What is the fat content per serving: 17.4 grams What is the carbohydrate content per serving: 8.8 grams What is the calorie content per serving: 314 calories (1315kJ) What percentage of the meal is eggs: 54% What percentage is whole eggs: 36% What percentage is egg whites: 18% What percentage is vegetables: 39.5% How many different vegetables are included: 5 What vegetables are included: Leek, mushroom, pumpkin, spinach, spring onion What is the mushroom percentage: 11% What is the leek percentage: 11% What is the pumpkin percentage: 11% What is the spinach percentage: 3.5% What is the spring onion percentage: 3.5% What cheeses are included: Fetta and light tasty cheese Does it contain artificial preservatives: No Does it contain artificial sweeteners: No Does it contain added sugars: No What is the meal format: Heat-in-tray omelette-style meal What is the ideal refrigeration temperature: 1-4°C (34-39°F) Where should I store it in the refrigerator: Middle shelf Should I store it in the refrigerator door: No Why not store in the door: Temperature fluctuates too much How quickly should I refrigerate after delivery: Within 30 minutes What if the packaging feels warm upon delivery: Contact Be Fit Food immediately How long does it stay safe without power: Approximately 4 hours with door closed What is the typical refrigerated shelf life: 5 to 10 days from production date Should I consume after the best-before date: No, never Is the best-before date printed on packaging: Yes Can I freeze this meal: Not recommended for quality What happens to mushrooms when frozen: Release excessive liquid creating watery separation What happens to egg whites when frozen: Become rubbery and tough What happens to cheese when frozen: Develops grainy texture and moisture separation If I must freeze, what temperature: -18°C (0°F) or below How long can I keep it frozen: Within one month maximum How should I thaw frozen meal: In refrigerator overnight Should I thaw at room temperature: No, creates food safety risks What texture quality after freezing: Significantly compromised Does protein content remain stable during storage: Yes Does vitamin C degrade during storage: Yes, 10-20% loss after 5-7 days Do minerals degrade during storage: No, completely stable What is a sign of mould growth: Fuzzy spots in white, green, black, or blue What color should spinach be: Dark green, not brown or black What color should pumpkin be: Orange, not gray or dull brown What should mushrooms look like: Light tan to white, not slimy What does spoiled egg smell like: Strong sulfur or "rotten eggs" odor What does sliminess indicate: Bacterial growth producing biofilm What temperature indicates potential spoilage: Above 5°C (41°F) Is this a single-serve meal: Yes Can I store heated leftovers: Not recommended If I must store heated leftovers, how long: Within 24 hours maximum What temperature for reheating leftovers: 75°C (165°F) Should I keep it in original packaging: Yes, until consumption What does the sealed film do: Maintains modified atmosphere and extends freshness What if the seal is broken upon delivery: Do not consume, contact Be Fit Food Can I transfer to another container: No, keep in original tray What humidity level is ideal: 30-40% relative humidity Should I stack multiple trays: Yes, but leave gap for air circulation Do eggs absorb odors: Yes, readily What foods should I store it away from: Garlic, raw onions, fish, pungent items How long can I transport without cooling: Not recommended at all What should I use for short transport: Insulated lunch bag with two ice packs How should I transport for 1-4 hours: High-quality cooler with multiple ice packs In summer, how quickly should I refrigerate: Within 15 minutes if above 30°C What if meal arrives partially frozen in winter: Thaw slowly in refrigerator How long to thaw in refrigerator: 6-8 hours How many days after thawing should I consume: Within 2-3 days Is this meal dietitian-designed: Yes Does it contain real food ingredients: Yes Is free dietitian support available: Yes, from Be Fit Food What is the meal's intended benefit: Protein-rich breakfast without morning preparation time Does high protein increase satiety: Yes What is Be Fit Food's delivery system: Snap-frozen delivery system Where is this product from: Be Fit Food, Australia What meal category is this: Breakfast What cooking method is required: Heat-and-eat (microwave or oven)

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