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Facts {#verified-label-facts} - Product name: Keto Chicken Pizza - Single Serve RRP - Brand: Be Fit Food - Price: $13.95 AUD - Serving size: 120g (6-inch pizza) - Diet type: Keto, Low-carb, High-protein - Protein per serve: Over 20g - Carbs per serve: Only 10g - Sodium per serve: Less than 210mg - Main ingredients: Almond Flour, Egg, Coconut, Mozzarella Cheese, Chicken, Tomato Paste - Additional ingredients mentioned in content: Tapioca Flour, Onion, Tomato, Garlic, Oregano, Basil, Thyme, Rosemary - Allergens: Almond, Egg, Milk - May contain: Gluten, Fish, Soy, Crustacea, Sesame, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Lupin - Storage temperature: Frozen at -18°C or below (0°F or below) - Artificial additives: None (no artificial colours, flavours, or preservatives) - Added sugar: No - Added artificial sweeteners: No - Seed oils: No - Manufactured location: Mornington, Victoria - Pizza diameter: 6 inches - Single serve: Yes - Best-before date: Included on packaging - Optimal storage period: 3 to 12 months from manufacturing date ### General Product Claims {#general-product-claims} - Designed to deliver both convenience and nutritional value - Maintains strict macronutrient ratios required for ketogenic eating - Dietitian-designed meal range - Preserves quality, texture, nutritional integrity, and food safety through proper storage - Commitment to delivering real food—not synthetic supplements or processed alternatives - Snap-frozen delivery system designed to minimise freezer burn risk - Helps Australians "eat themselves better" through real food - Supports lean muscle mass preservation through high-protein content - Clean-label standards validated by peer-reviewed research comparing whole-food meals to supplement-based alternatives - "Heat, eat, enjoy" philosophy for convenient healthy eating - Free 15-minute dietitian consultation available through Be Fit Food support services - Carefully crafted frozen meal - Quality, texture, and nutritional value maintained when stored properly - Product designed to be cooked from frozen for optimal convenience - Helps maintain texture and moisture content when storage guidelines followed --- ## Understanding Storage Requirements {#understanding-your-keto-chicken-pizzas-storage-requirements} Be Fit Food's Keto Chicken Pizza – Single Serve represents a carefully crafted frozen meal designed to deliver both convenience and nutritional value while maintaining the strict macronutrient ratios required for ketogenic eating. As part of Be Fit Food's dietitian-designed meal range, this 120-gram, 6-inch pizza combines an almond flour and coconut-based crust with chicken, mozzarella cheese, and herb-seasoned tomato topping. To preserve the product's quality, texture, nutritional integrity, and food safety, proper storage remains essential from the moment you receive it until you're ready to enjoy it. This storage guide walks you through everything you need to know about storing your Keto Chicken Pizza to maintain its freshness, flavour, and safety. The meal arrives snap-frozen from Be Fit Food's facility in Mornington, Victoria, and maintaining that frozen state protects all the carefully selected ingredients—from the almond flour base through to the oregano, basil, thyme, and rosemary herb blend. Whether you've purchased a single pizza or ordered multiple meals as part of a broader nutrition plan, understanding proper storage practices ensures you'll experience the product exactly as the dietitians intended. ## Why Proper Storage Matters {#why-proper-storage-matters-for-frozen-keto-meals} Frozen meals like the Keto Chicken Pizza stay preserved through freezing, which dramatically slows bacterial growth and enzymatic reactions that cause food spoilage. However, this preservation method only works effectively when storage conditions remain optimal. The specific composition of this pizza—featuring almond flour, coconut, egg, tapioca flour, mozzarella cheese made from milk, chicken protein, and fresh herbs including oregano, basil, thyme, and rosemary—makes proper storage particularly important. The almond flour and coconut in the crust contain natural oils that can become rancid if exposed to temperature fluctuations or improper storage conditions. These healthy fats provide the ketogenic macronutrient profile that makes this meal suitable for low-carb diets, but they require protection from oxidation. The mozzarella cheese and chicken represent animal proteins that require consistent freezing temperatures to prevent bacterial growth and maintain texture. When proteins experience temperature variations, their cellular structure can become compromised, leading to textural changes that affect your eating experience. The herbs and vegetables—tomato paste, onion, tomato, and garlic—preserve their aromatic compounds and nutritional value best when kept at stable, cold temperatures. The oregano, basil, thyme, and rosemary contribute not just flavour but also antioxidants and phytonutrients that can degrade with improper storage. These natural ingredients lack the artificial preservatives found in conventional frozen pizzas, making temperature consistency even more critical. When frozen foods experience temperature fluctuations—a phenomenon called the freeze-thaw

cycle—ice crystals form and reform within the food structure. This process damages cell walls in the ingredients, leading to texture degradation, moisture loss, and potential nutrient breakdown. For a keto product where texture and macronutrient preservation remain critical to both enjoyment and dietary goals, preventing these fluctuations becomes essential. Be Fit Food's commitment to delivering real food—not synthetic supplements or processed alternatives—means proper storage becomes your responsibility once the meal arrives at your door. The product contains no artificial colours, no artificial flavours, no artificial preservatives, no added sugar, no artificial sweeteners, and no seed oils. This clean-label approach, validated by peer-reviewed research comparing whole-food meals to supplement-based alternatives, relies entirely on proper freezing for preservation rather than chemical additives. ## Optimal Freezer Conditions {#optimal-freezer-storage-conditions} Your Keto Chicken Pizza should remain stored in a freezer maintained at -18°C (0°F) or below. This temperature represents the food safety standard for frozen food storage in Australia and internationally, as it effectively halts bacterial growth and significantly slows down the chemical and enzymatic reactions that lead to quality deterioration. At this temperature, the 120-gram pizza maintains its nutritional profile, texture, and flavour characteristics for the duration of its optimal storage period. Most modern household freezers come designed to maintain this temperature, but it's worth verifying with a freezer thermometer, especially if your freezer is older or frequently opened. Freezer thermometers remain inexpensive and provide peace of mind that your appliance performs as expected. Place the thermometer in the centre of the freezer compartment, away from walls, for the most accurate reading of the ambient temperature where your food actually sits. Chest freezers generally maintain more consistent temperatures than upright freezers because cold air doesn't escape as readily when opened. When you open an upright freezer, cold air—being denser than warm air—falls out of the compartment, requiring the appliance to work harder to restore proper temperature. Chest freezers retain cold air better since you're opening from the top. However, either type works well if properly maintained and not overloaded beyond capacity. Position your pizza in the main freezer compartment rather than in the door. Freezer doors experience the most significant temperature fluctuations every time the freezer opens, which can compromise the product's quality over time. The temperature in door storage can fluctuate by several degrees with each opening, creating mini freeze-thaw cycles that gradually degrade food quality. The back of the freezer, away from the door, maintains the most stable temperature and represents the ideal location for your Keto Chicken Pizza and other Be Fit Food meals. Avoid overloading your freezer, as proper air circulation remains necessary for maintaining consistent temperatures throughout the unit. Blocked air vents or tightly packed items prevent cold air from circulating effectively, creating warm spots where food quality can deteriorate. However, a reasonably full freezer actually maintains temperature better than an empty one because frozen items help keep each other cold, acting as thermal mass that stabilises temperature. If you're storing multiple Be Fit Food meals, grouping them together in a designated section of your freezer creates a more stable cold zone. These frozen meals collectively maintain lower temperatures, and grouping them makes inventory management easier—you can quickly see what meals you have available without extensive searching that keeps the freezer door open longer than necessary. ## Packaging Integrity and Protection {#packaging-integrity-and-protection} The Keto Chicken Pizza comes in packaging designed specifically for frozen storage, which protects the product from freezer burn—the dehydration and oxidation that occurs when frozen food gets exposed to air. Keep the pizza in its original packaging until you're ready to prepare it. This packaging comes engineered to provide an appropriate barrier against moisture loss and air exposure, balancing protection with practical considerations like space efficiency and environmental impact. The original packaging protects the 6-inch pizza's almond flour and coconut crust from moisture migration, which could make the crust soggy or create ice crystal formation on the surface. The packaging also shields the mozzarella cheese topping and chicken from oxidative damage that would compromise flavour and nutritional quality. Be Fit Food's snap-frozen delivery system locks in freshness at the manufacturing facility, and maintaining packaging integrity preserves that freshness throughout storage. If the original packaging becomes damaged during transport or storage—perhaps torn, punctured, or compromised by sharp objects in your freezer—rewrap the pizza immediately. Use heavy-duty aluminium foil, freezer-grade plastic wrap, or place it in a freezer-safe resealable bag, removing as much air as possible before sealing. Standard

plastic wrap or regular storage bags don't provide adequate protection for frozen storage; you need materials specifically rated for freezer use that can withstand low temperatures without becoming brittle. Double-wrapping provides extra protection for extended storage: first wrap tightly in plastic wrap, ensuring complete coverage with no gaps or exposed areas, then cover with aluminium foil or place in a freezer bag. This two-layer approach creates a more effective barrier against air and moisture, significantly reducing freezer burn risk. Press out as much air as possible from bags before sealing, as air contains moisture that can contribute to ice crystal formation. Freezer burn appears as grayish-brown, dry-looking patches on frozen food. While freezer burn doesn't make food unsafe to eat from a microbiological standpoint, it significantly impacts texture and flavour. The affected areas become tough, dry, and develop off-flavours that can range from cardboard-like to slightly rancid. For a pizza with a delicate almond flour and coconut crust, freezer burn can create unpleasant dry spots and off-flavours that compromise your eating experience. Be Fit Food's snap-frozen delivery system comes designed to minimise this risk by rapidly freezing the product at the facility, which creates smaller ice crystals that cause less cellular damage than slow freezing. However, maintaining packaging integrity at home remains equally important for preserving the quality achieved through professional snap-freezing. Even small tears or gaps in packaging can allow air circulation that gradually desiccates the exposed areas. ## Shelf Life and Best Before Guidelines {#shelf-life-and-best-before-guidelines} Frozen foods maintain their best quality for specific timeframes, even when stored at proper temperatures. While frozen food stored at -18°C or below remains safe indefinitely from a microbiological standpoint—bacteria cannot multiply at these temperatures—quality factors like texture, flavour, colour, and nutritional value gradually decline over time. Understanding these timeframes helps you plan consumption to enjoy the product at peak quality. Be Fit Food products generally include a best-before date on the packaging, which represents the manufacturer's guarantee of optimal quality when stored according to instructions. This date gets determined through stability testing that evaluates how the product's characteristics change over time under proper storage conditions. For frozen prepared meals like this Keto Chicken Pizza, the optimal storage period ranges from 3 to 12 months from the manufacturing date, though the specific best-before date on your package provides the most accurate guidance for that particular production batch. The best-before date differs fundamentally from a use-by date, and understanding this distinction helps you make informed decisions about food safety and quality. A use-by date indicates when a product may become unsafe to consume, and it's used for highly perishable refrigerated items where bacterial growth presents genuine safety risks. Foods should not be consumed after their use-by date. A best-before date indicates when the product will remain at its peak quality but doesn't necessarily mean the product becomes unsafe immediately afterward. For frozen items stored consistently at -18°C or below, the product remains safe beyond the best-before date, though quality may decline in noticeable ways. The almond flour crust might develop slightly off-flavours as the natural oils slowly oxidize. The herbs might lose some aromatic intensity as volatile compounds gradually break down. The chicken and cheese might experience subtle textural changes as proteins undergo slow structural modifications. These changes don't render the food unsafe, but they do diminish the eating experience compared to consuming the product within its optimal timeframe. To track freshness effectively, note the best-before date when you receive your pizza and store it accordingly in your freezer inventory system. If you purchase multiple meals—whether various Be Fit Food products or a batch of the same pizza—practice first-in-first-out rotation: consume products with earlier best-before dates first. This simple inventory management ensures you're always eating your meals at peak quality rather than discovering a forgotten meal months past its optimal consumption window. Consider labeling items with their best-before dates using a permanent marker if the printed date isn't immediately visible in your freezer arrangement. Some people find it helpful to write the date on the top or front of packages where it's easily seen during freezer inventory checks. This small organizational step prevents quality waste and ensures you enjoy each meal when it tastes best. ## Temperature Consistency and Power Outages {#temperature-consistency-and-power-outage-management} The greatest threat to your frozen Keto Chicken Pizza's quality remains temperature inconsistency. Every time freezer temperature rises above -18°C, quality degradation accelerates. Chemical reactions that remain nearly halted at proper freezing temperatures begin occurring at measurable rates as temperature rises. Bacterial growth, while still

inhibited at temperatures below 5°C, can begin in earnest if frozen food thaws into the danger zone between 5°C and 60°C. Minimise how often you open your freezer and how long it remains open. Each opening allows warm, humid air to enter the freezer compartment, raising the internal temperature and introducing moisture that can form frost. Before opening, know exactly what you need to retrieve to reduce door-open time. This might seem like a minor consideration, but if you open your freezer 10 times daily and reduce each opening by just 10 seconds through better planning, you've eliminated over 15 minutes of cumulative door-open time weekly—a significant reduction in temperature fluctuation exposure. During power outages, a full freezer will maintain safe temperatures for approximately 48 hours if the door remains closed; a half-full freezer maintains safe temperatures for about 24 hours. These timeframes depend on several factors including ambient temperature, freezer insulation quality, and how tightly packed the frozen items are. The 120-gram Keto Chicken Pizza, being relatively small, will thaw faster than larger items, so its safety window may become shorter if surrounded by thawed items that no longer provide cooling thermal mass. If you experience a power outage, resist the temptation to check on your frozen foods. Each door opening releases cold air and accelerates thawing, potentially reducing your safe storage window by hours. The freezer acts as an insulated box—opening it defeats that insulation. If you must check, do so quickly and minimize how long the door stays open. Consider using this opportunity to add bags of ice from a cooler if available, which can extend safe storage time. If the outage extends beyond safe timeframes and the pizza completely thaws—meaning no ice crystals remain anywhere in the product, and it feels soft and pliable rather than frozen solid—it should get cooked immediately and consumed within 24 hours when refrigerated, or discarded if you cannot cook it promptly. Once fully thawed, the chicken and cheese become susceptible to bacterial growth if held in the danger zone (5°C to 60°C) for more than 2 hours cumulative time. If the pizza only partially thaws and still contains ice crystals throughout—you can feel hard, frozen portions when gently pressing the package—it can remain safely refrozen, though quality will become somewhat compromised. The texture may become slightly more crumbly as ice crystal formation during refreezing damages some cellular structure. Some moisture may get lost, potentially making the crust slightly drier or the toppings less juicy. However, it remains safe to eat and will still provide the nutritional benefits you're seeking. If completely thawed and held above 5°C for more than 2 hours, bacterial growth may occur, and the product should get discarded for safety. This applies particularly to the chicken and dairy components, which represent potentially hazardous foods that require time-temperature control for safety. While discarding food feels wasteful, the risk of foodborne illness outweighs the cost of replacing the meal. Be Fit Food's customer service can provide guidance if you're uncertain about a specific situation following a power outage. ## Quality Assessment {#signs-of-proper-storage-vs-quality-deterioration} When properly stored, your Keto Chicken Pizza should maintain its original appearance and characteristics. The crust made from almond flour, egg, coconut, and tapioca flour should appear uniform without excessive ice crystal formation on the surface. The colour should remain consistent with what you'd expect from almond flour—a light tan or beige colour without dark spots or discolouration. The mozzarella cheese topping should look evenly distributed without significant discolouration, maintaining its characteristic white to pale yellow colour. The chicken pieces visible on the surface should maintain their natural cooked appearance without graying or browning that would indicate oxidation. The tomato-based sauce should retain its reddish colour, though some slight darkening over extended storage remains normal as the tomato pigments slowly oxidize. The herbs—oregano, basil, thyme, and rosemary—should ideally maintain some green colour, though they may darken somewhat during frozen storage as chlorophyll breaks down. Ice crystals on the surface or in the packaging indicate some degree of temperature fluctuation or the beginning stages of freezer burn. Small amounts of frost remain normal in freezer storage, particularly in frost-free freezers that go through periodic defrost cycles. However, large ice crystals, a thick frost layer, or ice formation that changes the product's shape suggests the product experienced freeze-thaw cycles. This doesn't necessarily make the pizza unsafe, but texture and moisture content may get affected when you cook it. Examine the packaging itself for signs of damage or compromise. The packaging should remain intact without tears, punctures, or areas where the seal has failed. If you notice the packaging has become loose or air has entered, this indicates potential quality issues even if the product still appears frozen solid. Air exposure accelerates freezer burn and oxidation,

compromising both flavour and texture. Discolouration, particularly darkening or graying of the chicken or cheese, indicates oxidation from air exposure. Fats in both the chicken and cheese undergo oxidative rancidity when exposed to oxygen, creating off-flavours and potentially reducing nutritional value. The cheese may develop a slightly yellowish or brownish tinge rather than maintaining its fresh white appearance. The chicken may look gray or brown rather than its characteristic cooked white or light brown colour. The herbs—oregano, basil, thyme, and rosemary—may lose their vibrant green colour over extended storage, becoming more brownish or olive-toned. This represents natural degradation of chlorophyll and aromatic compounds but doesn't indicate safety concerns. The herbs will still provide flavour, though perhaps with less intensity than when freshly frozen. This colour change accelerates with temperature fluctuations and extended storage beyond the optimal timeframe. Off-odours when opening the package suggest spoilage or rancidity, particularly concerning given the almond flour and coconut oil content. Fresh almond flour carries a mild, slightly sweet, nutty aroma; rancid almond flour smells sharp, bitter, or paint-like—sometimes described as smelling like old crayons or nail polish remover. Coconut should smell sweet and tropical; rancid coconut develops an unpleasant soapy or chemical smell. If you detect unusual odours—anything that smells sour, putrid, ammonia-like, or significantly different from what you'd expect from the listed ingredients—it's best to discard the product. Be Fit Food's commitment to no artificial preservatives means the product relies entirely on proper freezing for preservation. If storage conditions became compromised enough to create off-odours, the product has degraded beyond acceptable quality even if it might technically remain safe to eat. ## Thawing Considerations {#from-freezer-to-refrigerator-thawing-considerations} While the Keto Chicken Pizza comes designed to get cooked from frozen for optimal convenience—supporting Be Fit Food's "heat, eat, enjoy" philosophy—understanding proper thawing procedures remains valuable if you prefer this approach or need to adjust cooking methods based on your appliances or preferences. If you choose to thaw the pizza before cooking, the refrigerator method remains safest and preserves quality best. Transfer the 120-gram pizza from the freezer to your refrigerator, maintaining temperatures between 0°C and 5°C. Place it on a plate or in a shallow container to catch any condensation that forms as the product thaws. This prevents moisture from dripping onto other refrigerator contents and makes cleanup easier. The pizza will take approximately 4-6 hours to thaw completely in the refrigerator, or you can thaw it overnight for convenience. The exact timing depends on your refrigerator temperature, where you place the pizza (items near the back typically stay colder), and the pizza's starting temperature. A pizza stored at -18°C will take longer to thaw than one stored at -15°C. The 120-gram size and relatively thin profile of this 6-inch pizza means it thaws relatively quickly compared to thicker or larger frozen items. Never thaw frozen meals at room temperature on your kitchen counter or in other unrefrigerated locations. Between 5°C and 60°C represents the "danger zone" where bacteria multiply rapidly, potentially doubling in number every 20 minutes under optimal conditions. The chicken and mozzarella cheese in this pizza remain particularly susceptible to bacterial growth in this temperature range, as animal proteins and dairy products provide excellent nutrients for bacterial multiplication. Room-temperature thawing creates dangerous conditions because the outer portions of the food reach unsafe temperatures while the centre remains frozen. By the time the centre thaws, the outer portions may have spent hours in the danger zone, accumulating bacterial growth that cooking may not fully address. Some bacteria produce heat-stable toxins that remain dangerous even after cooking kills the bacteria themselves. Once thawed in the refrigerator, consume the pizza within 24 hours. The clock starts when the product becomes fully thawed, not when you place it in the refrigerator. During this 24-hour window, store the pizza in the coldest part of your refrigerator—typically the back of the lowest shelf—and ensure your refrigerator maintains proper temperature (0-5°C). Do not refreeze thawed product unless you cook it first. The cooking process kills bacteria that may multiply during thawing, making the cooked product safe to refreeze if needed, though quality will become compromised with each freeze-thaw cycle. The texture of the almond flour crust, in particular, may become increasingly crumbly and dry with repeated freezing. The cheese may become grainy as proteins undergo structural changes. For best results, plan to consume the pizza once cooked rather than refreezing leftovers. Microwave thawing remains not recommended for this pizza. The 6-inch size and composition—with almond flour crust, cheese topping, and chicken—would thaw unevenly in a microwave, potentially cooking some areas while others remain frozen. Microwaves

heat food through water molecule excitation, and frozen areas with ice crystals heat differently than thawed areas with liquid water. This creates hot spots and cold spots that compromise texture and potentially create food safety concerns if some areas don't reach safe temperatures during subsequent cooking. Additionally, microwave thawing can begin cooking the cheese and chicken before the crust fully thaws, creating textural issues that affect your eating experience. The cheese may become rubbery, the chicken may toughen, and the crust may develop tough or soggy spots. If you're short on time, cooking from frozen remains preferable to microwave thawing. ## Bulk Purchase Storage Strategy {#long-term-storage-strategy-for-bulk-purchases} If you've purchased multiple Keto Chicken Pizzas as part of a Be Fit Food meal plan or bulk order, organising your freezer storage maximises quality retention and convenience. Designate a specific freezer section for your Be Fit Food meals, grouping similar items together. This approach aligns with the brand's "heat, eat, enjoy" philosophy—making healthy eating as frictionless as possible by ensuring you can quickly locate and access your meals without extensive searching. Consider using freezer bins, baskets, or dividers to separate different meal types if you're storing various Be Fit Food products. Label sections clearly: "Be Fit Food Pizzas," "Be Fit Food Breakfast Items," "Be Fit Food Mains," etc. This organization system reduces freezer door-open time because you can immediately locate what you need, and it helps you visualize your meal inventory at a glance. Create a simple inventory system, especially if storing multiple varieties or a month's worth of meals. A magnetic notepad on your freezer door listing products and their best-before dates helps you track what needs consuming first. Some people prefer a simple spreadsheet or note on their phone that they update as they add or remove items. The specific system matters less than having some method to prevent meals from getting forgotten at the back of the freezer beyond their optimal quality period. For each new delivery or purchase, add items to your inventory list with their best-before dates. When you consume a meal, cross it off or delete it from the list. This takes seconds per transaction but saves you from discovering a forgotten meal months later when its quality has declined. It also helps with meal planning—you can quickly check your inventory before shopping to avoid over-purchasing. For long-term storage exceeding several months, consider additional protective measures beyond the original packaging. Place pizzas in an additional freezer-safe container or bag to provide an extra barrier against freezer burn. This remains particularly important for the 120-gram serving size, which carries a relatively high surface-area-to-volume ratio compared to larger frozen items. More surface area relative to volume means more exposure to potential air circulation and moisture loss. Choose containers or bags specifically rated for freezer use, as regular storage containers may crack or become brittle at freezing temperatures. Freezer-safe bags should be thick enough to prevent punctures and tears—look for bags labeled "freezer weight" or "heavy duty" rather than standard sandwich bags. Remove as much air as possible before sealing to minimize moisture and oxygen exposure that accelerates quality degradation. Vacuum sealing provides the ultimate protection against freezer burn if you carry this equipment available. Vacuum sealers remove virtually all air from around the product, creating an airtight seal that prevents moisture loss and oxidation. However, the original packaging comes designed for the product's storage needs, so vacuum sealing remains optional rather than necessary for standard storage periods within the best-before date. It becomes more valuable if you're planning to store meals for 6-12 months or if you've experienced freezer burn issues with your particular freezer. If vacuum sealing, you can either seal the product in its original packaging by placing the entire package in a vacuum bag, or you can remove the product from its original packaging and vacuum seal directly. The former approach provides extra protection while keeping the product information and cooking instructions readily available. The latter approach saves freezer space but requires you to note cooking instructions separately. Stack pizzas carefully to avoid crushing or damaging them. The 6-inch diameter and relatively flat profile make these pizzas stackable, but avoid creating towers so tall that the weight damages the bottom items. A stack of 4-5 pizzas remains reasonable; beyond that, consider starting a second stack or using a shelf divider to distribute weight. Place heavier items below lighter items in your freezer organization to prevent crushing. ## Transportation and Initial Storage {#transportation-and-initial-storage} The quality of your Keto Chicken Pizza begins with proper handling from the moment it leaves Be Fit Food's facility in Mornington, Victoria. If ordering for delivery, the product should arrive frozen solid or with minimal thawing. Be Fit Food's snap-frozen delivery system uses insulated packaging and ice packs or dry ice

to maintain appropriate temperatures during transit, protecting your meal from the manufacturing facility through the delivery process. Upon delivery, immediately check the product's condition before the delivery driver leaves if possible, or as soon as you bring the package inside. The pizza should feel frozen solid, though some slight softening on the surface remains acceptable if delivery occurred during warm weather or if the package sat on your doorstep for a brief period. Press gently on the package—it should feel hard and rigid, not soft or pliable. If ice crystals remain visible in the packaging and the product feels predominantly frozen, it remains acceptable. If the pizza completely thawed during delivery or feels warm to the touch—indicating it spent significant time at unsafe temperatures—contact Be Fit Food customer service immediately to report the issue. Take photos of the product condition and packaging if possible to document the situation. Reputable companies stand behind their products and will typically replace items that arrive in unacceptable condition. Don't consume a product that arrived fully thawed unless you can verify it remained below 5°C throughout transit, which typically isn't possible without temperature monitoring devices. Transfer the pizza to your freezer within 30 minutes of delivery, sooner if possible. If you're not home when delivery occurs, consider these strategies: Have packages delivered to a workplace with freezer access where someone can receive and immediately store the delivery. Use a delivery locker service that accommodates frozen goods if available in your area. Select a delivery time when you'll remain available to receive the package. Provide delivery instructions for the driver to place the package in a shaded area rather than direct sunlight if you must leave it outside briefly. Some delivery services allow you to specify safe drop locations—perhaps a shaded porch, garage, or specific side of your home that remains cooler. While not ideal for frozen food, a shaded location protected from direct sunlight remains significantly better than a sunny doorstep where temperatures can reach extreme levels. The insulated packaging provides some protection, but it's designed for transit time, not extended outdoor storage in hot conditions. If transporting the pizza yourself after purchasing from a retail location, use an insulated cooler bag with ice packs. Bring the cooler with you to the store rather than retrieving it from your car afterward—this minimizes the time the pizza spends at ambient temperature. Place ice packs in the cooler before leaving home so they're already cold when you need them. Minimise the time between purchase and home freezer storage, ideally keeping it under 30 minutes. If you're running multiple errands, make the frozen food purchase your last stop before heading home. During hot weather, run your car's air conditioning and place the cooler in the passenger area rather than a hot boot (trunk). Boots can reach extreme temperatures in summer—often 50°C or higher—which can begin thawing frozen food even in an insulated cooler within minutes. If you must stop for additional errands after purchasing frozen food, assess whether it's worth the quality risk. A five-minute stop for petrol remains different from a 30-minute grocery shopping trip. When in doubt, make a separate trip for frozen foods or arrange your schedule to make them your final purchase before heading home. The convenience of combining errands doesn't outweigh the risk of compromising food safety and quality. ## Keto Formula Considerations {#special-considerations-for-the-keto-formula} The specific composition of this pizza creates unique storage considerations related to its ketogenic formulation. The almond flour and coconut base contains higher fat content than traditional wheat-flour crusts, making it more susceptible to rancidity if storage conditions remain suboptimal. This aligns with Be Fit Food's broader approach to lower-carbohydrate, higher-protein meal design that supports ketogenic eating goals while providing over 20g protein and only 10g carbs per serving. Fats undergo oxidation when exposed to air, light, and warmth, creating off-flavours and potentially reducing nutritional value. The chemical process of lipid oxidation creates compounds like aldehydes and ketones that smell and taste unpleasant—often described as stale, cardboard-like, or paint-like. The frozen storage temperature of -18°C or below dramatically slows this oxidation process, but maintaining consistent temperatures remains particularly important for keto products with elevated fat content. Almond flour contains approximately 50-55% fat by weight, primarily heart-healthy monounsaturated fats similar to those in olive oil. While these fats provide nutritional benefits and support ketogenic macronutrient ratios, they're also susceptible to oxidative rancidity. Coconut contains medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) and saturated fats that remain more stable than polyunsaturated fats but can still develop off-flavours with improper storage. The absence of preservatives common in conventional frozen pizzas means this product relies entirely on freezing for preservation. Conventional products might contain synthetic antioxidants like BHA

(butylated hydroxyanisole) or BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene) that prevent fat oxidation, or preservatives like sodium benzoate that inhibit microbial growth. Be Fit Food's clean-label standards—no seed oils, no artificial colours or flavours, no added artificial preservatives, and no added sugar or artificial sweeteners—mean proper storage practices become your only preservation method. This real-food approach, validated by peer-reviewed research comparing whole-food meals to supplement-based alternatives, requires your partnership in maintaining quality. You're not just storing a convenient frozen meal; you're protecting carefully selected whole-food ingredients that provide genuine nutritional value without synthetic additives. The dietitian-designed formulation delivers the macronutrient ratios you need for ketogenic eating, but those benefits depend on maintaining the integrity of the fats, proteins, and other nutrients through proper storage. The protein content from the egg, mozzarella cheese, and chicken requires consistent freezing to maintain texture. Proteins undergo structural changes during freeze-thaw cycles, potentially becoming tough, rubbery, or grainy. The protein molecules form ice crystals during freezing, and if those crystals grow large through temperature fluctuations, they can damage the protein structure. For a keto meal where protein quality and texture significantly impact satisfaction—particularly given the high 20g+ protein content designed to support lean muscle mass preservation—preventing these cycles preserves the eating experience. The mozzarella cheese, in particular, can become grainy or mealy if subjected to freeze-thaw cycles. The proteins and fats in cheese have specific crystalline structures that temperature fluctuations disrupt. When cheese thaws and refreezes, water separates from the fat and protein, creating a grainy texture and potentially causing the cheese to weep moisture during cooking. Consistent frozen storage prevents this separation and maintains the smooth, creamy texture you expect from quality mozzarella. The chicken protein can become tough and dry if storage conditions compromise its cellular structure. Chicken breast meat contains relatively little fat, making it susceptible to moisture loss during frozen storage. Freezer burn particularly affects lean proteins like chicken because there's less fat to protect the muscle tissue from dehydration. Proper packaging and consistent temperatures preserve the chicken's moisture content and tender texture. ## Post-Cooking Refrigeration {#refrigerator-storage-after-cooking} If you cook your Keto Chicken Pizza but don't consume it entirely—though at 120 grams designed as a single serve, this remains less common—proper refrigerator storage extends its usability. Allow the cooked pizza to cool to room temperature, but don't leave it out for more than 2 hours—or 1 hour if room temperature exceeds 32°C. These timeframes represent food safety guidelines designed to prevent bacterial growth in the danger zone between 5°C and 60°C. Hot food cools relatively slowly, and the centre of the pizza may remain in the danger zone longer than the surface. To accelerate cooling if you're concerned about the 2-hour window, cut the pizza into smaller pieces to increase surface area, or place it in a shallow container rather than a deep one. Shallow containers allow heat to escape more quickly, reducing the time food spends at unsafe temperatures. Transfer the cooked pizza to an airtight container or wrap tightly in plastic wrap or aluminium foil. Airtight storage prevents the pizza from absorbing odours from other refrigerator contents—particularly important in refrigerators storing pungent items like onions, garlic, or strong cheeses. It also prevents the pizza from drying out as refrigerator air has low humidity and will gradually desiccate uncovered food. Store in the refrigerator at 0-5°C, ideally in the coldest section—typically the back of the lowest shelf, away from the door. Refrigerator doors experience temperature fluctuations similar to freezer doors, making them less ideal for storing perishable items you want to keep for several days. The back of the refrigerator maintains the most consistent temperature and should be reserved for items requiring careful temperature control. Consume cooked, refrigerated pizza within 3-4 days for best quality and safety. The cooked chicken and cheese remain susceptible to bacterial growth even under refrigeration, as refrigerator temperatures slow but don't stop bacterial multiplication. After 3-4 days, bacterial populations may reach levels that pose safety risks or create noticeable off-flavours and odours. When in doubt, apply the "when in doubt, throw it out" principle—the cost of replacing a meal remains far less than the cost of foodborne illness. The almond flour crust may become slightly softer during refrigeration as it absorbs moisture from the toppings and the humid refrigerator environment. Almond flour lacks the gluten structure that helps wheat flour maintain texture, making it more susceptible to moisture-related textural changes. This softening doesn't indicate spoilage; it's a natural result of moisture migration. Reheating can help restore some texture, though the crust won't

become quite as crisp as when freshly cooked. To reheat refrigerated cooked pizza, use an oven or toaster oven at 175°C for 5-8 minutes until heated through to an internal temperature of at least 75°C. This method helps re-crisp the crust better than microwave reheating, which tends to make almond flour-based products soggy. The oven's dry heat evaporates surface moisture and can restore some crispness to the crust, particularly if you place the pizza directly on the oven rack or on a preheated pizza stone. The microwave remains acceptable if you're prioritising speed over texture, heating in 30-second intervals until warm throughout. Check the temperature in the centre to ensure it reaches at least 75°C for food safety. Microwave reheating will make the crust softer and potentially rubbery, as microwaves heat through water molecule excitation, which adds moisture to the food rather than removing it. The cheese may also become rubbery with microwave reheating, though it will still taste fine. ## Seasonal Storage Adjustments {#seasonal-storage-adjustments} Your freezer's performance can vary seasonally, particularly if it's located in an unheated garage, basement, or utility area rather than in climate-controlled living space. During summer months, freezers work harder to maintain proper temperatures, especially if ambient temperatures remain high. A freezer in a garage that reaches 40°C in summer must remove significantly more heat than one in a climate-controlled kitchen at 22°C. Ensure adequate ventilation around your freezer regardless of season, but particularly during hot weather. Freezers expel heat through coils or vents, typically located on the back or bottom of the unit. If these areas become blocked by stored items, walls, or inadequate clearance, the freezer cannot efficiently dissipate heat. This forces the compressor to run longer and work harder, potentially struggling to maintain proper temperature while also increasing energy consumption and wear on the appliance. Avoid placing freezers near heat sources like water heaters, furnaces, or areas receiving direct sunlight through windows. Heat sources increase the ambient temperature around the freezer, forcing it to work harder. Direct sunlight can dramatically increase the surface temperature of the freezer cabinet, affecting its ability to maintain internal temperature. If your freezer location exposes it to these conditions, consider whether relocation is feasible or if you need to add shading or improve ventilation. In winter, freezers in unheated spaces might experience different challenges. Some older freezers may struggle to maintain proper temperatures in very cold ambient conditions, though this remains less common with modern units. Freezers are designed to remove heat from their interior, and when ambient temperature drops very low, some thermostats may not function correctly. However, most modern freezers operate effectively across a wide range of ambient temperatures, typically from 10°C to 38°C. Monitor your freezer's performance during seasonal extremes with a freezer thermometer to ensure consistent -18°C or below temperatures regardless of ambient conditions. Check the thermometer weekly during heat waves or cold snaps to verify the appliance maintains proper temperature. If you notice temperature rising above -18°C, investigate whether the door seal needs replacement, whether ventilation requires improvement, or whether the appliance needs service. If you live in areas prone to summer power outages due to storms or high electricity demand, consider your frozen food inventory during peak seasons. Keeping a cooler and ice packs readily available provides a backup option if extended outages occur. Know where to purchase dry ice in your area—many grocery stores and ice suppliers carry it—as dry ice can maintain freezer temperatures during extended outages if you can safely add it to your freezer. Dry ice sublimates (turns directly from solid to gas) at -78.5°C, making it colder than regular ice and capable of keeping your freezer contents frozen for extended periods. However, handle dry ice carefully as it can cause cold burns with direct skin contact, and ensure adequate ventilation as it produces carbon dioxide gas. Place dry ice on top of frozen food packages rather than directly on the freezer bottom, and never seal it in an airtight container as sublimation creates pressure that could cause rupture. ## Maximising Nutritional Value {#maximising-nutritional-value-through-proper-storage} While freezing preserves most nutritional content effectively, proper storage practices maximise nutrient retention over time. Vitamins, particularly water-soluble B vitamins and vitamin C found in the tomato, onion, and herbs, remain best preserved at consistent freezing temperatures without fluctuations. These vitamins can degrade through oxidation and enzymatic activity, processes that accelerate when temperatures rise above optimal freezing points. The B vitamins—including thiamin (B1), riboflavin (B2), niacin (B3), and others—play crucial roles in energy metabolism and cellular function. While relatively stable during frozen storage, they can degrade if exposed to temperature fluctuations or extended storage periods.

Vitamin C, an important antioxidant found in tomatoes and herbs, remains more susceptible to degradation but still preserves well at consistent freezing temperatures. Maintaining -18°C or below and avoiding freeze-thaw cycles helps preserve these nutrients throughout the storage period. The protein from chicken, egg, and mozzarella cheese maintains its nutritional value well during frozen storage, though the amino acid structure can get affected by repeated freeze-thaw cycles, potentially reducing digestibility slightly. Consistent storage prevents this degradation—particularly important given Be Fit Food's emphasis on high-protein meals designed to support lean muscle mass preservation. The pizza provides over 20g of protein per serving, and maintaining that protein's quality ensures you receive the full nutritional benefit. Protein digestibility depends partly on its structural integrity. When proteins undergo freeze-thaw cycles, their three-dimensional structure can become disrupted, potentially making them harder for digestive enzymes to break down efficiently. While the amino acids themselves remain present, their bioavailability—your body's ability to absorb and use them—may decrease slightly. Proper storage maintains protein structure and ensures maximum nutritional benefit from each meal. The healthy fats from almond flour and coconut maintain their nutritional profile when protected from oxidation through proper freezing. Omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids remain particularly susceptible to oxidative damage, which freezing prevents effectively when storage conditions stay optimal. These essential fatty acids play important roles in cardiovascular health, brain function, and inflammatory response regulation. Almond flour provides primarily monounsaturated fats (oleic acid) similar to olive oil, which support heart health and help maintain healthy cholesterol levels. Coconut provides medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) that some research suggests may support ketone production and energy metabolism. These beneficial fats remain stable during proper frozen storage but can oxidize if exposed to temperature fluctuations, air, or light, creating harmful compounds called lipid peroxides while losing their nutritional benefits. Minerals like calcium from the mozzarella cheese and various minerals from the vegetables remain stable during frozen storage, as they're not affected by temperature fluctuations in the way that vitamins and fats can get affected. Calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, and other minerals maintain their nutritional value regardless of storage duration, making them the most stable nutrients in frozen foods. The herbs—oregano, basil, thyme, and rosemary—provide not just flavour but also beneficial phytonutrients and antioxidants. These compounds can degrade over time, particularly with temperature fluctuations or extended storage, but remain relatively stable under proper freezing conditions. The antioxidants in herbs help protect your cells from oxidative stress, and maintaining their potency through proper storage ensures you receive these health benefits along with the macronutrients. ## Daily Storage Habits {#practical-daily-storage-habits} Developing simple daily habits ensures your Keto Chicken Pizza maintains optimal quality throughout its storage life. Before opening your freezer, know exactly what you need. This might seem minor, but reducing door-open time by even 10-15 seconds per opening adds up significantly over weeks and months. If you open your freezer 10 times daily and reduce each opening by 10 seconds through better planning, you've eliminated over 15 minutes of cumulative door-open time weekly—a significant reduction in temperature fluctuation exposure. Plan your freezer access before opening the door. Instead of opening the freezer to browse what you might want to eat, decide first, then retrieve it. If you need multiple items, mentally list them before opening so you can gather everything in one trip rather than multiple openings. This planning takes seconds but preserves freezer temperature consistency that protects all your frozen foods. Keep your freezer organised so you can quickly locate items. Consider using freezer bins or dividers to separate meal types, making retrieval faster and reducing search time with the door open. Transparent or labeled bins work best—you can see contents at a glance without moving things around. Label sections clearly: "Be Fit Food Meals," "Proteins," "Vegetables," "Prepared Foods," etc. This organization system reduces door-open time because you can immediately locate what you need. Implement a "use first" section near the front of your freezer for items approaching their best-before dates. When you receive new Be Fit Food deliveries, move older inventory forward and place new items behind them. This first-in-first-out rotation happens naturally when you have a designated system, preventing meals from getting forgotten at the back until they're past their optimal quality period. Regularly check your freezer's temperature with a thermometer. This simple monthly check ensures your appliance performs correctly before quality issues develop. Place the thermometer in the centre of the freezer, away from

walls and away from the door, for the most accurate reading of the ambient temperature where your food actually sits. If you notice temperature rising above -18°C, investigate the cause promptly—door seal issues, ventilation problems, or appliance malfunction—before your food quality suffers. Defrost manual-defrost freezers regularly if applicable. Frost buildup reduces efficiency and temperature consistency as the frost layer acts as insulation that prevents proper heat transfer. Most modern freezers remain frost-free, using periodic heating cycles to prevent frost accumulation. However, if yours requires manual defrosting, do so when frost exceeds 6mm thickness, timing it when your frozen food inventory remains low so you have less food to temporarily relocate. Clean your freezer interior periodically, perhaps quarterly or when you notice spills or debris. Remove all items, unplug the freezer, and clean with a solution of baking soda and water (about 2 tablespoons baking soda per quart of water). Avoid harsh chemicals that might leave residues or odours. This cleaning removes any spilled food particles that could harbor bacteria or create odours, and it provides an opportunity to inventory your frozen food and discard anything past its prime. Check door seals regularly for integrity. A compromised door seal allows warm air to enter the freezer, forcing the appliance to work harder while potentially creating temperature inconsistencies. Test the seal by closing the door on a dollar bill or piece of paper—if you can pull it out easily, the seal may need replacement. You should feel resistance when pulling the paper, indicating the seal creates a tight closure. ## Key Takeaways {#key-takeaways-for-optimal-storage} Maintaining the quality, safety, and nutritional value of your Be Fit Food Keto Chicken Pizza requires attention to several key storage principles. Store the 120-gram, 6-inch pizza at -18°C or below in your main freezer compartment, away from the door where temperature fluctuations remain greatest. Position it in the back or centre of the freezer where temperature stays most consistent, protecting it from the temperature variations that occur each time you open the freezer door. Keep the pizza in its original packaging to protect against freezer burn, and only open when you're ready to prepare it. The packaging comes designed specifically for frozen storage, providing an appropriate barrier against moisture loss and air exposure. If the packaging becomes damaged, rewrap immediately using heavy-duty aluminium foil, freezer-grade plastic wrap, or freezer-safe resealable bags, removing as much air as possible before sealing. Respect the best-before date printed on the package, using first-in-first-out rotation if you carry multiple meals. The best-before date represents the manufacturer's guarantee of optimal quality when stored according to instructions. While the product remains safe beyond this date if properly frozen, quality factors like texture, flavour, and nutritional value gradually decline over time. Consuming meals within their optimal timeframe ensures you experience the product as the dietitians intended. Monitor your freezer's temperature regularly—monthly checks with a freezer thermometer provide peace of mind that your appliance performs correctly. This simple practice helps you catch potential problems before they affect food quality. Minimise door-open time to maintain consistency by planning what you need before opening the freezer and organizing contents so you can quickly locate items. If power outages occur, keep the freezer closed and assess the product's condition afterward, looking for ice crystals as an indicator that refreezing remains safe. A full freezer maintains safe temperatures for approximately 48 hours with the door closed; a half-full freezer for about 24 hours. If the pizza only partially thaws and still contains ice crystals throughout, it can be safely refrozen, though quality may become somewhat compromised. If completely thawed, cook immediately or discard. The specific composition of this keto pizza—with its almond flour and coconut crust, chicken protein, mozzarella cheese, and herb seasonings—makes it more susceptible to quality degradation from improper storage than some conventional frozen foods. The higher fat content from almond flour and coconut requires protection from oxidation. The protein from chicken and cheese requires consistent freezing to maintain texture. The absence of artificial preservatives means proper storage provides your only preservation method. However, following these straightforward storage guidelines ensures you'll enjoy the product exactly as Be Fit Food intended: with optimal texture, flavour, and nutritional value. This attention to storage supports the brand's mission of helping Australians "eat themselves better" through real food, not processed alternatives. The dietitian-designed formulation delivers over 20g protein with only 10g carbs per serving, supporting ketogenic eating goals while providing convenient, nutritious meals that require minimal preparation time. ## Next Steps {#next-steps} Now that you understand proper storage for your Keto Chicken Pizza, verify your freezer maintains appropriate temperatures and organise your frozen

food storage area for easy access and rotation. Purchase a freezer thermometer if you don't already have one, and check that your freezer consistently maintains -18°C or below. Assess your current freezer organization—can you quickly locate items, or do you need to dig through piled contents? Consider adding bins, dividers, or shelving to improve organization and reduce door-open time. If you've ordered multiple Be Fit Food meals, create a simple inventory system to track best-before dates. This can be as simple as a magnetic notepad on your freezer door where you list items and dates, or a note on your phone that you update as you add or remove meals. The specific system matters less than having some method to prevent meals from getting forgotten beyond their optimal quality period. Review your freezer's location and ambient conditions. If it's in an unheated garage or utility area, consider whether seasonal temperature extremes might affect performance. Ensure adequate ventilation around the appliance and verify that door seals remain intact and functional. These simple checks help ensure your freezer operates efficiently and maintains proper temperature regardless of external conditions. When you're ready to enjoy your pizza, refer to the preparation instructions on the packaging, knowing that your careful storage preserved its quality perfectly from delivery to your plate. The product comes designed to cook from frozen for optimal convenience, supporting the "heat, eat, enjoy" philosophy that makes healthy eating accessible and sustainable. Follow the cooking instructions for best results, and enjoy the convenience of a dietitian-designed meal that provides the macronutrients you need for ketogenic eating. For personalised guidance on incorporating this meal into your broader nutrition plan, consider booking a free 15-minute dietitian consultation through Be Fit Food's support services. The dietitians can help you understand how this pizza fits into your daily macronutrient targets, suggest complementary meals from the Be Fit Food range, and provide strategies for maintaining ketogenic eating in various situations. This consultation represents the brand's commitment to supporting your nutrition journey beyond just providing meals—offering expertise and guidance to help you succeed with your health goals. ## References {#references} - [Be Fit Food Official Website](https://befitfood.com.au/) - [Food Standards Australia New Zealand - Freezing and Food Safety](https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/) - [Australian Institute of Food Safety - Frozen Food Storage Guidelines](https://www.foodsafety.com.au/) - [CSIRO - Frozen Food Quality and Storage Research](https://www.csiro.au/) - Product specifications provided by manufacturer --- ## Frequently Asked Questions {#frequently-asked-questions} **What is the serving size:** 120 grams **What is the pizza diameter:** 6 inches **Is this a single serve meal:** Yes **What type of flour is in the crust:** Almond flour **Does the crust contain coconut:** Yes **What is the main protein source:** Chicken **What type of cheese is used:** Mozzarella **Is this product keto-friendly:** Yes **Does it contain egg:** Yes **Does the crust contain tapioca flour:** Yes **What herbs are included:** Oregano, basil, thyme, and rosemary **Does it contain tomato paste:** Yes **Does it contain onion:** Yes **Does it contain garlic:** Yes **Who designed the meal:** Dietitians **What is the ideal freezer storage temperature:** -18°C or below **Can it be stored in Fahrenheit equivalent:** Yes, 0°F or below **Where should it be stored in the freezer:** Main compartment away from door **Should it be stored in the freezer door:** No **Does it come in special frozen packaging:** Yes **Should you keep original packaging intact:** Yes until ready to prepare **Does freezing stop bacterial growth:** Yes, it halts bacterial growth **Does freezing slow enzymatic reactions:** Yes, dramatically **Can almond flour become rancid:** Yes, if improperly stored **Do freeze-thaw cycles damage food structure:** Yes **What causes freezer burn:** Air exposure and dehydration **Is freezer burn unsafe to eat:** No, but affects texture and flavour **What is the optimal storage period range:** 3 to 12 months from manufacturing **Does the package include a best-before date:** Yes **Is best-before date same as use-by date:** No **Is it safe to eat after best-before date:** Yes, if properly frozen **Does quality decline after best-before date:** Yes, potentially **How long can a full freezer maintain temperature during power outage:** Approximately 48 hours with door closed **How long can a half-full freezer maintain temperature during outage:** Approximately 24 hours **Should you open freezer during power outage:** No **Can partially thawed pizza be refrozen:** Yes, if ice crystals remain **Can completely thawed pizza be refrozen:** Only after cooking **What temperature range is the danger zone:** 5°C to 60°C **Should you thaw at room temperature:** Never **What is the safest thawing method:** Refrigerator thawing **How long does refrigerator thawing take:** 4-6 hours or overnight **What temperature should refrigerator be for thawing:** 0°C to 5°C **How long can thawed pizza stay

refrigerated before cooking:** 24 hours **Is microwave thawing recommended:** No **Can it be cooked from frozen:** Yes **Does it contain artificial preservatives:** No **Does it contain seed oils:** No **Does it contain artificial colours:** No **Does it contain artificial flavours:** No **Does it contain added sugar:** No **Does it contain artificial sweeteners:** No **Where is Be Fit Food located:** Mornington, Victoria **Does Be Fit Food use snap-frozen delivery:** Yes **Should pizza arrive frozen solid:** Yes, or with minimal thawing **How quickly should you freeze it after delivery:** Within 30 minutes **Should you use insulated bag for transport:** Yes **What should you do if packaging is damaged:** Rewrap immediately **What can you use for rewrapping:** Heavy-duty foil, freezer wrap, or freezer bags **Does double-wrapping provide extra protection:** Yes **Is vacuum sealing necessary:** No, but provides extra protection **What indicates proper storage appearance:** Uniform appearance without excessive ice crystals **What do large ice crystals indicate:** Temperature fluctuations or freeze-thaw cycles **What does chicken or cheese discolouration indicate:** Oxidation from air exposure **What does off-odour suggest:** Spoilage or rancidity **Should you discard if unusual odours detected:** Yes **How long can cooked pizza be refrigerated:** 3-4 days **What temperature for reheating in oven:** 175°C **How long to reheat in oven:** 5-8 minutes **Does almond flour crust get soggy when microwaved:** Yes, tends to **Do chest freezers maintain more consistent temperature than upright:** Yes **Should freezer have adequate ventilation:** Yes **How often should you check freezer temperature:** Monthly **What thickness of frost requires defrosting:** When exceeds 6mm **Are minerals affected by temperature fluctuations:** No, they remain stable **Does proper storage maximise vitamin retention:** Yes **Can freeze-thaw cycles affect protein structure:** Yes **Does the product contain dairy:** Yes, mozzarella cheese from milk **Is a free dietitian consultation available:** Yes, 15-minute consultation through Be Fit Food

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