

# Specifications for the import of Cocoa products and sugar Confectionary EU

**Range: all type of chocolates, cacao powder; soft & hard candy; Halawa**

In addition to the general requirements and the labeling requirements, please refer to the following Directive:

- Directive [2000/36/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2000 relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption [[See amending act\(s\)](#)]. This Directive applies to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption as specified in Annex I to the Directive. This Directive adopts the composition of cocoa and chocolate products. In particular, for certain products it determines the minimum percentage of cocoa butter which can be used. It also determines the possibility to use a quantity of vegetable fats which does not exceed 5 % of the end product. The vegetables fats (other than cocoa butter) which can be used are listed in Annex II to the Directive.
- Council Directive [2001/111/EC](#) of 20 December 2001 relating to certain sugars intended for human consumption [Official Journal L 10 of 12.01.2002]. It improves the labelling of certain edible sugars in order to better inform consumers and to prevent them from being misled by the products they buy. It applies without prejudice to the general provisions relating to the labeling of foodstuffs. Directive 2001/111/EC defines eleven sugar varieties:
  - semi-white sugar;
  - sugar (white sugar);
  - extra-white sugar;
  - sugar solution;
  - invert sugar solution;
  - Invert sugar syrup
  - glucose syrup;
  - dried glucose syrup;
  - dextrose monohydrate;
  - dextrose or dextrose anhydrous;
  - Fructose.

Other requirements covering all the range of products include:

Health control of foodstuffs of non-animal origin

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Labeling for foodstuffs

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Voluntary - Products from organic production

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