

Specifications for the Import of Cocoa Products CANADA

Range of cocoa products: all type of chocolates, cacao

In addition to the general requirements and the labeling requirements, all cocoa and chocolate products imported to Canada must be free from the bacteria salmonella as tested by the method mentioned in the food and drug regulation B.04.012 (see can std no.22)

Other relevant legislation includes:

- Standards and guidelines for microbiological safety of foods (see Canadian standards no.11)
- Canadian standards 'Maximum level" for various chemical contaminants in food (see Canadian standards no.1)
- List of maximum residue limits regulated under the pest control products act (see Can. std no.10)
- Guidelines for General cleanliness of food (see Canadian standards no.9)
- Requirements for wood packaging materials (below)
- Good import practices (see Can std no.6)

Further references:

- Guide to food labeling (see Can.std no.7)
- Food and drug act regulations (see Can. std no.3 and no.22)
- Food and drug act regulations-Cocoa and chocolate products (see Can. std no.22;B.04.001 till B04.012)
- Standards for melamine in milk (from china) (see Can Std No.25)

Note: May be subject to provincial regulations.

Wood packaging materials (All origins except continental USA):

Brokers/importers should attest to one of the following for materials made out of wood with respect to the packaging material being used.

- 1- Wood packaging contained with shipment displays the ISPM15 compliant stamp

- 2- Wood packaging material is accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate
- 3- Wood packaging is manufactured from wood exempted from ISPMNo.15
- 4- No wood packaging contained with shipment

For more details you can search the Automated Import Reference system (AIRS) by feeding the HS code or by naming the commodity. See:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/imports/airs/eng/1300127512994/1300127627409#>