

Regulations Governing the Product Names and Labeling of Chocolate

Article 1

These regulations are prescribed in accordance with the provisions of Subparagraph 10 of Paragraph 1 of Article 22 and Paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation.

Article 2

The “chocolate” referred to herein is a food preparation of cocoa products mixed with the addition of sugar, milk or food additives. The food item, in a solid state without fillings, may be categorized into dark chocolate, milk chocolate and white chocolate.

Article 3

The name of product shall be labeled in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The product name labeled as “dark chocolate” which be use cocoa butter, cocoa powder and/or cocoa paste as raw material, and it shall contain not less than 35% total cocoa solids, not less than 18% cocoa butter and not less than 14% fat-free cocoa solids.
2. The product name labeled as “white chocolate” which be use cocoa butter and milk powder as raw material, and contain not less than 20% cocoa butter and not less than 14% milk solids.
3. The product name labeled as” milk chocolate” which be use cocoa butter , cocoa powder and/or cocoa paste, milk powder as raw material, and contain not less than 25% total cocoa solids, not less than 2.5% fat-free cocoa solids and not less than 12% milk solids.
4. The product name labeled as “chocolate” the raw materials and content should be follow to three previous.

Article 4

For chocolate that contain vegetable fats in place of cocoa butter but the vegetable fats content does not exceed the 5% of the total product weight, the text of “the cocoa butter is mixed with vegetable fats” in Chinese or texts with the same meaning shall be labeled close to the product name.

Article 5

For chocolate that contain vegetable fats in place of cocoa butter and the vegetable fats content exceeds 5% of the total product weight, the text of “with cocoa butter alternative” in Chinese shall be labeled before the product name.

Article 6

The labeling prescribed in the regulations of chocolate shall be in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Prepackaged chocolates shall be in accordance with the requirements stipulated in Article 3, Article 4 or Article 5 of the Regulations. The font shall be larger than two millimeter in length and width.
2. Food vendors with business registration selling bulk chocolate foods shall properly label the products at the business venue in accordance with Article 3, Article 4 or Article 5 of the Regulations. The label may be in the form of cards, mark (label) or notice boards which in turn are either posted, hung, erected (inserted), stuck or utilized in other ways which are clearly visible. The vendors who choose to label the products with mark (label) shall make sure the font of the reminder is larger than two millimeter in length and width. Those who choose to label the products with other means of communication shall make sure the font of the reminder is larger than two centimeter in length and width.