

Regulations Governing the Product Name and Labeling of Chocolate

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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 butter, cocoa powder or cocoa mass mixed with the addition of sugar, milk or food additives. The name of product shall be labeled in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The product name labeled as “dark chocolate” shall contain total cocoa solids at least 35%, cocoa butter at least 18% and fat-free cocoa solids at least 14%.
2. The product name labeled as “white chocolate” shall contain cocoa butter at least 20% and milk solids at least 14%.
3. The product name labeled as “milk chocolate” shall contain total cocoa solids at least 25%, fat-free cocoa solids at least 2.5% and milk solids at least 12%.
4. The product name labeled as “chocolate” shall be made from the raw materials with contents met with three previous requirements.

Article 3

For chocolate that contain vegetable fats but content does not exceed the 5% of the total weight of the product, the text of “adding with vegetable fats” or texts with the same meaning shall be labeled near the product name.

Article 4

“Filled Chocolate” is a product with one or more of the chocolates defined in the regulations with other composition. The chocolate must make up at least 25% of the total weight of the product, and the product name shall be labeled “filled chocolate” or “processed chocolate” or other synonymous terms.

Article 5

The product name labeled as "chocolate spread" or "chocolate syrup" or other synonymous shall use cocoa butter, cocoa powder or cocoa mass as raw material, and add other food ingredients to semi-solid or fluid forms. The total cocoa solids is at least

5% or cocoa butter is at least 2%.

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 2, Article 3, Article 4 or Article 5 of the Regulations. The font shall be larger than 2 millimeter in length and width.
2. Food vendors with Governing Taxation Registration selling bulk chocolate foods shall properly label the products at the business venue in accordance with Article 2, 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 2 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 2 centimeter in length and width.

Article 7

If the labeling of the product does not comply with this regulation, it is false, exaggerated or misleading, it shall be handled in accordance with the relevant regulations of this law.