



## Guittard – Defining Vegan for Retail Customers

*There are three types of chocolates in general: milk, dark and white chocolates. Milk and white chocolates contain milk ingredients. Dark chocolate, generally formulated without milk ingredient, but processed on shared equipment with milk chocolate, may be suitable for “vegan” diet. While the term ‘vegan’ is not defined by the FDA or any scientific association, if you are following a vegan diet, the following insights may help your consideration of Guittard’s chocolates as part of your dietary preferences:*

*When it comes to chocolate, there are two main concerns for vegans:*

- Cane sugar, unless it is organic, is most often processed using bone char as the filtration media. Bone char is made of animal bones charred under thermal conditions to rid of animal tissue and consists of mainly calcium and active carbon. These compounds are very effective in removal of harmful, odor and discolor matters such as fluoride in drinking water and color body in sugar. This is a common method used for most cane sugar that is used in a variety of consumer items you might find on grocery store shelves. Due to the thermal conditions used, bone char contain no detectable animal protein or DNA. For those not limited by animal origin, dark chocolate formulated with cane sugar may be a suitable choice. For those limited by animal origin, Guittard offers organic baking wafers made with organic cane sugar that does NOT use bone char in processing. Guittard also offers Sante 72% Cacao Dark Chocolate Baking Chips 071818020702 made with Coconut Sugar (from the nectar of coconut trees and not refined with bone char) and unsweetened baking chocolates and cocoa powders (#0299 UPC 071818029903, #7500 UPC 071818750005, #7542 UPC 071818754201) that contain no added cane sugar.*
- Dairy ingredients used in milk chocolate bring a different dimension to the natural flavors of cocoa beans, and add a rich, silky texture. However, being animal-sourced, milk chocolates are not generally considered compatible with a vegan diet. Guittard’s semisweet, bittersweet, and unsweetened baking chocolates and cocoas are NOT made with milk ingredients, but may be made on equipment that also processes milk chocolates. For milk allergen information by specific products, check the allergen statement that appears on each individual packaging (below the ingredient listing); for items that are made on shared equipment, you will see the statement: “Made on equipment also used to make milk chocolate. Not suitable for individuals with milk allergies.”*

*We hope that with this information, you will be able to make an informed personal decision on enjoying chocolate as part of a vegan diet.*

| UPC          | Item | Sugar   | Dairy  |
|--------------|------|---|--|
| 071818750005 | 7500 | No cane sugar added                                     | No   |
| 071818754201 | 7542 |   |  |
| 071818753006 | 7530 | Cane sugar  | No   |
| 071818766006 | 7660 | Organic cane sugar<br>(no bone char used in processing) | Not an ingredient<br>Made on shared equipment also used to |
| 071818774001 | 7740 |   |  |



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|  |  |   | make milk chocolate.<br>Not suitable for individuals with milk allergies  |
| 071818020702   | 0207                                     | Unrefined coconut sugar (from the nectar of coconut trees, and no bone char used in processing) | Not an ingredient<br>Made on shared equipment also used to make milk chocolate.<br>Not suitable for individuals with milk allergies |
| 071818029903<br>0 71818 71010 8  | 299<br>7101                              | No cane sugar added   | Not an ingredient<br>Made on shared equipment also used to make milk chocolate.<br>Not suitable for individuals with milk allergies |
| 071818020405<br>071818021006<br>071818024205<br>071818024809<br>071818770003<br>071818764606 | 204<br>210<br>242<br>248<br>7700<br>7646 | Cane sugar  | Not an ingredient<br>Made on shared equipment also used to make milk chocolate.<br>Not suitable for individuals with milk allergies |
| 071818023000<br>071818023505<br>071818024007<br>071818029507                                 | 0230<br>0235<br>0240<br>0295             | Cane sugar  | Contain milk  |
| 071818738003   | 7380                                     | Organic cane sugar (no bone char used in processing)  | Contains milk   |