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Guittard Allergen Policy

The FDA regards allergens as a serious Food Safety concern. FDA defines 8 major allergens that must be controlled in food manufacturing to protect consumers. These are the 8 major allergens: milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat and soybeans (also known as soya). Although there may be other allergens beyond this list, these 8 have been scientifically determined to be of primary public health concern. This letter is to inform you of the types of allergens from the list of 8 major allergens that are present in our manufacturing processes. We maintain a complete Preventive Controls program including personnel training as it relates to allergens in our facility.

Consumer Retail Products That Are Sold Through Retail Merchants Such as Grocery Stores

Forms of Chocolate	UPC	Product Name	Allergens	Reason
CHOCOLATE BARS FOR EATING DIRECTLY, Collection Etienne 2.65 ounce bars	071818715004 071818723801 071818724501 071818726406 071818727007 071818727205 071818728509 071818729100	EUREKA WORKS 62% CACAO BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE 2.65 OZ BAR SOLEIL D'OR 38% CACAO MILK CHOCOLATE SOLEIL D'AUTOMNE 45% MILK CHOCOLATE L'HARMONIE 64% CACAO SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE ÉPIQUE 70% CACAO BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE QUETZALCOATL 72% CACAO BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE CLAIR DE LUNE 85% CACAO BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE NOCTURNE 91% CACAO EXTRA DARK CHOCOLATE	Not suitable for people allergic to milk, soya, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts or wheat	Made on equipment also used for milk, soya, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts and wheat. Where milk is directly added to a product it is stated in the ingredient declaration according to FDA guidelines*
CHOCOLATE BAKING BARS, Collection Etienne 2 ounce bars	071818764606 071818770003 071818710108	64% CACAO SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE 70% CACAO BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE 100% CACAO UNSWEETENED CHOCOLATE	Not suitable for people allergic to milk	Made on equipment also used to make milk chocolate**
BAKING CHIPS	071818020405 071818021006 071818023000 071818023505 071818024007 071818024205 071818024809 071818029507	SUPER COOKIE CHIPS™ SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE BAKING CHIPS 46% CACAO CHOC-AU-LAIT™ VANILLA MILK CHIPS GREEN MINT BAKING CHIPS BUTTERSCOTCH BAKING CHIPS ORGANIC FT AKOMA EXTRA SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS 55% CACAO EXTRA DARK CHOCOLATE BAKING CHIPS 63% CACAO MILK CHOCOLATE BAKING CHIPS 31% CACAO	Not suitable for people allergic to milk	Made on equipment also used to make milk chocolate. Where milk is directly added to a product it is stated in the ingredient declaration according to FDA guidelines **
BAKING WAFERS, Collection Etienne, 12 ounce re-closable bag	071818738003 071818766006 071818774001	ORGANIC 38% CACAO MILK CHOCOLATE ORGANIC 66% CACAO SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE ORGANIC 74% CACAO BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE	Not suitable for people allergic to milk	Made on equipment also used to make milk chocolate. Where milk is directly added to a product it is stated in the ingredient declaration according to FDA guidelines**
COCOA/CHOCOLATE POWDERS, Collection Etienne 8 ounce tins	071818750005 071818753006	COCOA ROUGE UNSWEETENED COCOA POWDER GRAND CACAO DRINKING CHOCOLATE	None of the 8 major allergens	Made in a segregated processing area that does not contain any of the 8 major allergens

Industrial and Professional Products That Are Sold to Food Businesses		
Forms of Chocolate	Allergens	Reason
CHOCOLATE CHIPS, 10 LB BLOCKS, 500g BARS, WAFERS, RIBBONS, NUGGETS, LIQUID TANK TRUCKS, SOLID-IN-PAILS, COMPOUND COATINGS, AND SYRUPS	Not suitable for people allergic to milk	Made on equipment also used to make milk chocolate. Where milk is directly added to a product it is stated in the ingredient declaration according to FDA guidelines **
COCOA POWDER, SWEET GROUND GRANULES, COCOA/CHOCOLATE BLEND POWDERS	None of the 8 major allergens	Made in a segregated processing area that does not contain any of the 8 major allergens

*Made on equipment also used with milk, soya, peanuts, tree nuts, (such as almonds, hazelnuts, cashews and pecans), eggs, and wheat. These items are manufactured in a facility that includes these allergens. We clean and test for allergens between product runs to control the risk of cross contact. However, out of an abundance of caution, we advise that these products are not suitable for people allergic to milk, soya, peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, or wheat.

**Made in a facility that is free of peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, wheat, shellfish, and fish. Milk, white, and dark chocolates and compounds are run on shared equipment that is changed over between items but the equipment cannot be washed with water for Food Safety reasons.

- Regarding soybean allergens: Some products run on this shared equipment are made with sunflower lecithin and some are made with soya lecithin. To verify that there is no risk of cross contact with soybean allergens we have test results that confirm that soybean allergens are not detectable in any of our products, whether made with sunflower or soya lecithin (Lecithin is used at a very low level, less than 0.5%. And soya lecithin has trace levels of soybean allergens.)
- Regarding milk allergens: Dark chocolate and compound items that do not have milk intentionally added as an ingredient may contain milk from cross contact due to processing on the shared equipment. For dark chocolates, our labels advise customers as follows: "Made on equipment also used to make milk chocolate. Not suitable for individuals with milk allergies." For the products where milk is directly added to a product it is stated in the ingredient declaration according to FDA guidelines.

Should you have further questions, please contact us.



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