

PRE-MARKET APPROVAL PERMIT

Chapter 18: Cocoa and cocoa preparations

PURPOSE	To ensure that foodstuffs listed in the Third Schedule of the Food Regulations which are being imported or manufactured locally are in compliance with the Food Act/Food Regulations and are of quality and nature demanded
LEGISTRATION	Regulations 23 and 24 of the Food Regulations GN 173 of 1999
FINAL DECISION MAKER	The Director Public Health & Food Inspector of the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life
DOUCUMENT NEEDED	An Original Certificate of Analysis from an accredited laboratory from the country exporting the product certifying the chemical composition and microbiological safety of the product and in case of local products, a certificate from the Government Analyst Division.
PROCESS	A written application in form of the Forth Schedule of the Food Regulations accompanied with a sample of the foodstuff to be imported or manufactured in its original package. On application, the applicant will be immediately provided with a checklist for chemical and bacteriological analysis required.
TIME TAKEN FOR DELIVERY	The permit is issued immediately after ensuring that the standards mentioned in the certificate required at the time of application complies with the Food Act and its regulations. (within 24 hrs.)
COST	None

18010000	Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted.
18020000	Cocoa shells, husks, skins and other cocoa waste.
18031000	- Not defatted
18032000	- Wholly or partly defatted
18040000	Cocoa butter, fat and oil
18050000	Cocoa powder, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.
18061000	- Cocoa powder, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
18062000	- Other preparations in blocks, slabs or bars weighing more than 2 kg or in liquid, paste, powder, granular or other bulk form in containers or immediate packings, of a content exceeding 2 kg
18063100	-- Filled
18063200	-- Not filled

18069010	--- Cereal products, not being snacks, bread, pastry, cakes or biscuits, to be used as breakfast cereals
18069090	--- Other

Additional PERMIT Required all except for

1803 cocoa paste, defatted or not

1804 cocoa butter, fat and oil

1805 cocoa powder, not sweetened

1806 chocolate & other food products containing cocoa