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Directive 2000/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to cocoa and chocolate products

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Background

- Directive 73/241/EEC
- The issue of vegetable fats other than cocoa butter
- Effects on the functioning of the common market



Directive 2000/36/EC

Objectives:

- Ensure the proper functioning of the single market: free movement of products within the Community
- Common rules for the production of cocoa and chocolate products
- Harmonization on the use of vegetable fats other than cocoa butter
- Sales names, definition and characteristics of cocoa and chocolate products



Directive 2000/36/EC

- Possibility to add vegetable fats other than cocoa butter extended to all Member States
- Labelling of vegetable fats
- Study on the impact of Directive 2000/36/EC on the economies of countries producing cocoa and other vegetable fats.
- Horizontal rules for labelling (Directive 2000/13/EC)



Annex I of Directive 2000/36/EC Sales names, definitions and characteristics of the products

- Sales names and definitions
- Optional authorized ingredients
- Calculation of percentage
- Sugars



Annex II of Directive 2000/36/EC Vegetable fats other than cocoa butter

- Criteria that vegetable fats other than cocoa butter shall comply with
- Limited number of vegetable fats allowed
- Study on the impact of Directive 2000/36/EC – State of the study procedure