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Report Highlights:

On March 2, 2021, Taiwan announced the final version of new regulations for labeling chocolate products, set to take effect on January 1, 2022. This report contains an unofficial English translation of the regulations, Taiwan's WTO notification of the draft regulation, and links to related documents. In 2020, the United States exported \$26 million worth of chocolate and cocoa products to Taiwan.

General Information:

On March 2, 2021, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) announced the final revision of new regulations governing the labeling of chocolate products. The new regulations will take effect on January 1, 2022.

The regulations set new standards for how much chocolate and cocoa products must contain in order to be able to include the word “chocolate” in their name. The rules cover chocolate products that contain fillings, pastes, and syrups, as well as chocolates that have added vegetable fats.

In April 2020, Taiwan notified a draft version of the regulation to the WTO TBT committee with English text, which is attached to this report.

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Relevant Links:

TFDA Final Regulation (Chinese only):

<https://www.fda.gov.tw/Tc/newsContent.aspx?cid=3&id=26816>

Taiwan Executive Yuan News Release Announcing Final Regulation (Chinese only):

<https://www.ey.gov.tw/Page/88F151FFCE5C741E/4f445fff-b31f-4c62-8b06-0ea46b862780>

TFDA Regulations Governing Product Names and Labeling of Chocolate (old regulation):

<https://www.fda.gov.tw/TC/newsContent.aspx?cid=3&id=20021>

WTO Notification Of Draft Version (from April 2020):

https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S009-DP.aspx?language=E&HasEnglishRecord=True&HasFrenchRecord=False&HasSpanishRecord=True&CatalogueIdList=263451,263455,263458,263468,263469,263470,263505,263402,263403,263459&CurrentCatalogueIdIndex=9&FullT

Attachments:

[Taiwan Draft Chocolate Labeling Regulations April 2020.pdf](#)