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**Product Specification**

**Product Information**

Product Name	Plain Chocolate Chips	
Product Description	A bake stable dark chocolate chips for use as an inclusion.	
Ingredient	% in Mixing Bowl	Country of Origin (Manufactured in the UK)
Cocoa Mass	49 - 51%	Cameroon, Colombia, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Peru, Sao Tome, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Venezuela
Sugar	45 – 49%	Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, United Kingdom, ACP Countries
Cocoa Butter	<3%	Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Peru, Sierra Leone, Togo
Cocoa Powder	<2%	Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Peru, Sierra Leone, Togo
Emulsifier: Soya Lecithin (Non-GM)	<1 %	India, Holland, Ukraine

**Ingredient Declaration**

Ingredients: Cocoa Mass, Sugar, Cocoa Butter, Cocoa Powder, Emulsifier: **Soya** Lecithin.

**Cocoa Content**

Plain chocolate contains Cocoa Solids 50% minimum.

Pack Size(s) - Bulk	Product Code		Pack Size	
	1009212		12.5kg	
Pack Size(s) - Repacked	Product Code	Pack Size	Product Code	Pack Size
	1009396	6 x 1kg	1009400	10 x 1kg

This list is not exhaustive

**Photograph**

Typical Example of Raw Material





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### Shelf Life & Storage Conditions

Maximum Shelf at Packing	540	Days
Minimum Life on Receipt (MLOR)	90	Days
Storage Temperature on Delivery	Ambient	
Storage Instructions	Store in a cool dry place out of direct sunlight	

### Microbiological Standards

Test	Target	Acceptable	Reject
TVC	<10,000 cfu/g	<50,000 cfu/g	>50,000 cfu/g
E.coli	<10 cfu/g	<100 cfu/g	>100 cfu/g
S.aureus	<10 cfu/g	<100 cfu/g	>100 cfu/g
Enterobacteriaceae	<100 cfu/g	<1,000 cfu/g	>1,000 cfu/g
Yeasts & Moulds	<100 cfu/g	<500 cfu/g	>500 cfu/g
Salmonella	Absent in 25g	Absent in 25g	Present in 25g

### Sensory Details

Appearance	Irregular shaped pieces of dark chocolate
Aroma	Typical of plain chocolate with no off or rancid odours
Taste	Typical of plain chocolate with no off or rancid flavours
Texture	Melts when eaten

### Physical Standards

Parameter	Target	Acceptable	Reject
Micron Size	<60	60	>60
Count (per kg)	3500	3000 - 4000	Outside the range

### Bulk Packaging

	Primary	Secondary
Material	Food Grade Poly Liner	Corrugated Cardboard
Closure Method	Folded	Clear Sticky Tape

### Repacked Packaging

	Primary	Secondary
Material	Clear food grade plastic	Corrugated Cardboard
Closure Method	Heat Seal	Brown Gum Tape or Clear Sticky Tape

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#### Nutritional Information

Parameter	Per 100g
Energy (kJ)	2118
Energy (Kcal)	508
Protein (g)	5.9
Available Carbohydrates (g)	51.3
Of Which Sugars (g)	48.0
Fat	29.0
Of Which Saturates	17.6
Salt (g)	0.02
Fibre (g)	5.3

Source: Source: Supplier Specification

#### Allergens

Component (and products thereof)	Contains (Bulk)	Contains (Repack)	Handled at Shepcote	Comments
Cereals containing gluten	N	MC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Crustaceans	N	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eggs	N	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fish	N	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Peanuts	N	MC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Soybeans	Y	Y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Soya Lecithin
Milk	MC	MC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Nuts	N	MC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Celery	N	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mustard	N	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sesame	N	MC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sulphur Dioxide >10 mg/kg	N	N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lupin	N	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Molluscs	N	N	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Y = Contains, N = Does Not Contain, MC = May Contain

#### Suitable for

Group	Bulk	Repacked
Vegetarian	Yes	Yes
Vegan	No	No
Kosher (Certified)	No	No
Halal (Certified)	No	No

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Other Intolerances and/or Food Groups			
Component	Contains		Comments
	Yes	No	
Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Irradiated Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Hydrogenated Fat/Oil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Palm Oil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Maize or Maize Derivatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetable & Vegetable Derivatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Yeast & Yeast Derivatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Seeds, Seed Oil & Seed Derivatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fruit & Fruit Derivatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Flavouring, Colours or Preservatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Beef, Pork, Lamb, Poultry & Derivatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gelatine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other Animal Derivatives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Added Sugar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sugar
Added Salt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mono Sodium Glutamate (MSG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Artificial Colours Including Azo Dyes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
BHA/BHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kiwi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Cinnamon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Cocoa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cocoa Butter, Cocoa Mass, Cocoa Powder
Coriander	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Customer			
Name	Position	Signature	Date

Please sign and return a copy of this specification within two weeks of receipt. Failure to do so will be deemed as customer acceptance

Shepcote Distributors Ltd			
Name	Position	Signature	Date
Jurate Junduliene	Quality Manager		13.02.25

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