



Advice on selling cocoa and chocolate products

This leaflet contains a summary of the main requirements of weights and measures legislation enforced by the trading standards service, as applicable to retail sales of cocoa and chocolate products. This leaflet is intended to be a brief summary to help you understand what the law says about the way you are required to sell chocolate to the ultimate consumer.

General selling methods:

Chocolate products in bar or tablet form of the descriptions: chocolate, plain chocolate, gianduju nut chocolate, milk chocolate, gianduju nut milk chocolate, white chocolate, filled chocolate, cream chocolate and skimmed milk chocolate, when pre-packed, must be made up in the following prescribed quantities: **85 g, 100 g, 125 g, 150 g, 200 g, 250 g, 300 g, 400 g, or 500 g**. The quantity must be marked on the containers. The exceptions from prescribed quantities is any less than 85g and more than 500g.

Any other cocoa and chocolate products, (unless pre-packed in a quantity by net weight of less than 50 g) shall only be pre-packed if marked with an indication by net weight.

Pre-packed fancy chocolate products are not required to be marked with quantity providing an indication of quantity by net weight is given on a ticket or notice displayed on or in immediate proximity to the products.

Pre-packed sugar confectionery, (unless pre-packed in a quantity by net weight of less than 50 g) shall only be pre-packed if marked with an indication by net weight.

Non pre-packed cocoa and chocolate products (unless the net weight is less than 50 g) shall only be sold by net weight.