

CLAIMS

1. A chocolate composition comprising at least 30 weight% of cocoa solids and less than 5 weight% of milk solids, based on the total weight of the chocolate composition, characterized in that it further comprises 0.5-15 weight% plant-based protein and 0.5-10 weight% of a plasticizer ingredient, wherein the composition is free from soy protein.
2. A chocolate composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the plant-based protein is selected from the group consisting of a legume, cereal, grain, and nut protein and combinations of two or more thereof.
3. A chocolate composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that the plant-based protein is pea protein.
4. A chocolate composition according to any of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the plasticizer ingredient is a liposoluble ingredient from a vegetable source.
5. A chocolate composition according to any of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the liposoluble ingredient is selected from the group consisting of liquid oil, randomized fats and combinations of two or more thereof.
6. A chocolate composition according to claim 5, characterized in that the fats are non-hydrogenated fats.
7. A chocolate composition according to claim 5 or claim 6, characterized in that the liquid oil is selected from the group consisting of oils sourced from almonds, pine nuts, pistachios, cashews, hazelnuts, peanuts, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, high-oleic sunflower seeds, rapeseeds and mixtures of two or more thereof.
8. A chocolate composition according to any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the composition further comprises a bulking ingredient selected from the group

consisting of oligosaccharides, polysaccharides, soluble dietary fibres, insoluble dietary fibres and mixtures of two or more thereof.

9. A chocolate composition according to claim 8, characterized in that the bulking ingredient is selected from vegetable fibres, dextrin, maltodextrin, polydextrose, inulin, dehydrated grain syrups, pectin and mixtures of two or more thereof.
10. A chocolate composition according to claim 8 or claim 9, characterized in that the vegetable fibres are selected from the group consisting of: cereal or grain fibres, fruit fibres and mixtures of two or more thereof, preferably rice fibres, pea fibres, coconut fibres soy fibres and mixtures of two or more thereof.
11. A chocolate composition according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that it further comprises sucrose.
12. A chocolate composition according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is substantially free from milk solids.
13. A chocolate composition according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that it does not contain maltitol and/or erythritol.
14. A carob-free chocolate composition according to any of the preceding claims.
15. A food product comprising the chocolate composition according to any of the preceding claims and one or more further ingredients.