



FIRST GRADE  
INTERNATIONAL LTD

**COCOA & CHOCOLATE**  
PRODUCT PORTFOLIO  
2022



## ABOUT US

First Grade International was launched in 2003, however, it was built on foundations that date back to the 1970s. We are fortunate to have a fantastic heritage of experience throughout the business. We are proud of the producers we represent as well as the quality accreditations we have won such as BRC Grade AA for Agents and Brokers.

## COCOA & CHOCOLATE AT FGI

We are delighted to introduce our range of cocoa and chocolate products including a wide variety of cocoa powders, cocoa butter, cocoa liquor/mass, chocolate, chocolate inclusions, and more niche products such as cocoa cake and cocoa fibre.







## TECHNICAL & QUALITY

### CERTIFICATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Here at First Grade International, we are certified against the BRC Agents and Brokers Standard and we are members of Campden BRI. We require that our suppliers, factories and key partners are certified against GFSI recognised standards such as BRC, IFS, FSSC and SQF. These standards are the foundation of our supplier approval process and provide reassurance to us and our customers that our high standards are being met and maintained.

### RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

First Grade International is an active member of SEDEX the leading organisation for companies committed to sourcing responsibly and improving conditions for all parties within the supply chain. We prompt all our suppliers to register to become members of SEDEX before supplier approval and encourage them to participate in a third-party SMETA Audit to allow for transparency throughout our supply chain.

### SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Our supply chains can be both complex and extensive with our suppliers providing a range of raw materials and finished goods. To support this, First Grade International has a dedicated and experienced technical team that carefully monitors and audits suppliers' sites to ensure that both UK and International Laws are met. We incorporate the principles of HACCP, TACCP and VACCP into our audit process and strive to achieve and build a rapport with our suppliers to ensure transparency and trust.

### MODERN SLAVERY POLICY

It is required under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 that businesses state the actions they have taken during the financial year to ensure that modern slavery is not taking place in both their operations and supply chains. Here at First Grade International, we see slavery, forced labour and human trafficking as fundamentally unacceptable within our business. As a company, we firmly support the movement for transparency and collaboration from businesses to eliminate this risk.

### COCONUT HARVESTING & MONKEY ABUSE POLICY

First Grade International Limited, being the largest importer of coconut products in the UK, are able to offer absolute assurance that there is no abuse of monkeys in our plantations in Indonesia or our supply base in the Philippines.



# COCOA POWDER



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**COCOA POWDER**

Cocoa powder is the powdered form of the dry cocoa solids with a small remaining amount of cocoa butter offering either reduced fat (10-12%) or high fat (20-22%) cocoa powder varieties. Cocoa Powders have wide uses across the food industry from simple colouring to adding exquisite aromas and flavours.

We stock a wide range of cocoa powder varieties such as reduced fat, high fat, natural, alkalised, red, and black to ensure we can provide our customers with the perfect cocoa powder for their application.

## PACK SIZES

25kg Bags  
*40 Bags per Pallet*

5kg Cartons  
*96 Cartons per Pallet*  
*Medium Alkalised*

## VARIETIES

Reduced Fat (10-12%) or High Fat (20-22%)  
Organic  
Rainforest Alliance Mass Balance  
Fairtrade Mass Balance  
M&S Suitable





# FIRST GRADE INTERNATIONAL LTD COCOA POWDER VARIETIES

| NATURAL COCOA POWDER                |               |             |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| DRY                                 | BAKERY        | WET         |                 |
| 5.5<br>PH                           | 10-12%<br>FAT | 5-7%<br>ASH | <5%<br>MOISTURE |
| FGI REFERENCE - 346.70              |               |             |                 |
| LIGHT ALKALISED COCOA POWDER        |               |             |                 |
| DRY                                 | BAKERY        | WET         |                 |
| 6.8<br>PH                           | 10-12%<br>FAT | 7-9%<br>ASH | <5%<br>MOISTURE |
| FGI REFERENCE - 346.79              |               |             |                 |
| LIGHT-MEDIUM ALKALISED COCOA POWDER |               |             |                 |
| DRY                                 | BAKERY        | WET         |                 |
| 7.3<br>PH                           | 10-12%<br>FAT | 8-9%<br>ASH | <5%<br>MOISTURE |
| FGI REFERENCE - 346.53              |               |             |                 |

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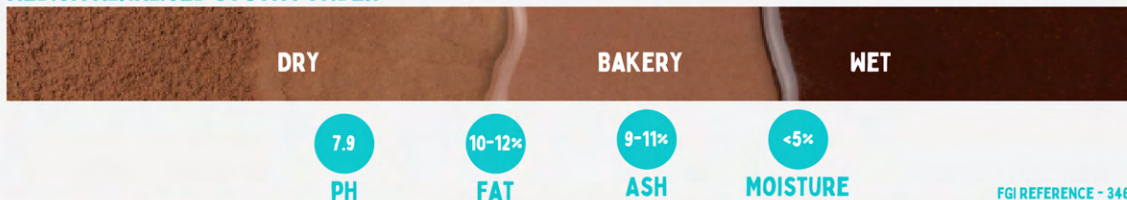




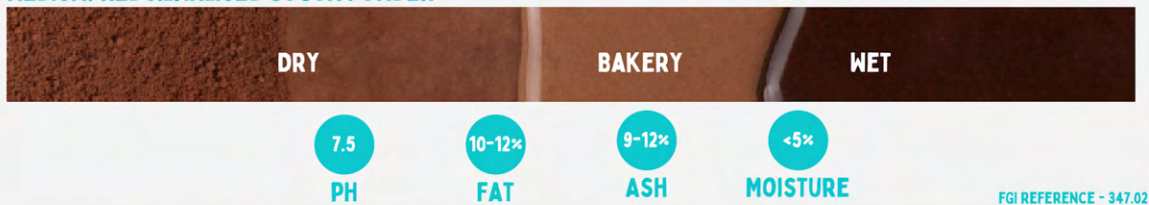
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## COCOA POWDER VARIETIES

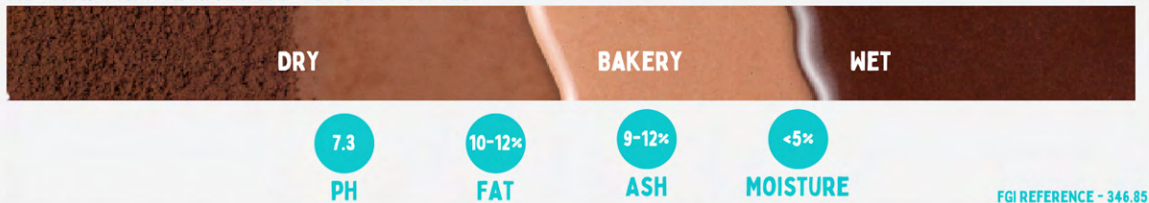
### MEDIUM ALKALISED COCOA POWDER



### MEDIUM/RED ALKALISED COCOA POWDER



### MEDIUM/STRONG ALKALISED COCOA POWDER



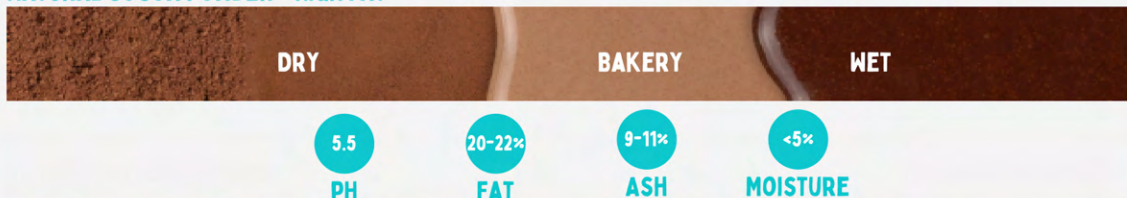
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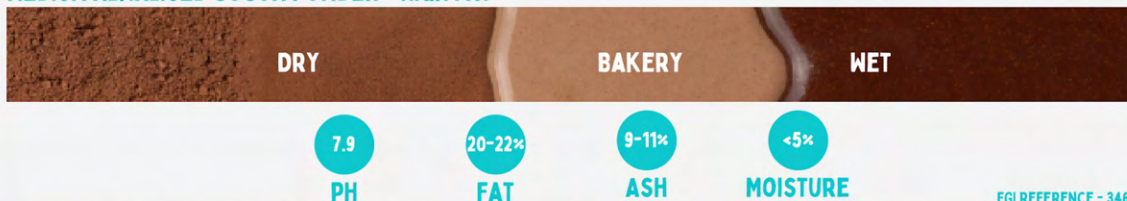
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## COCOA POWDER VARIETIES

### NATURAL COCOA POWDER - HIGH FAT

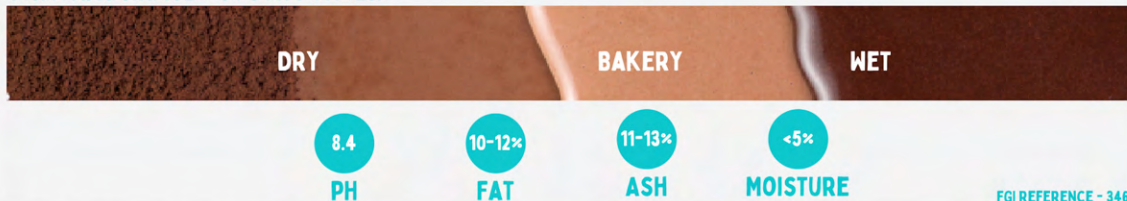


### MEDIUM ALKALISED COCOA POWDER - HIGH FAT



FGI REFERENCE - 346.50

### STRONG ALKALISED COCOA POWDER



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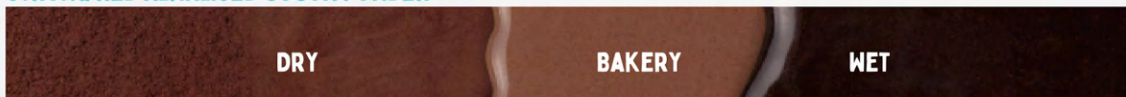
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## COCOA POWDER VARIETIES

### STRONG RED ALKALISED COCOA POWDER



DRY

BAKERY

WET

8.3

PH

10-12%

FAT

11-13%

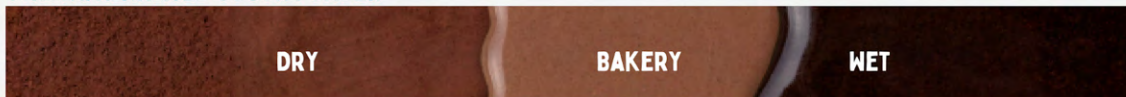
ASH

<5%

MOISTURE

FGI REFERENCE - 347.03

### STRONG ALKALISED COCOA POWDER



DRY

BAKERY

WET

8.3

PH

10-12%

FAT

12-14%

ASH

<5%

MOISTURE

FGI REFERENCE - 346.77

### BLACK ALKALISED COCOA POWDER



DRY

BAKERY

WET

8.8

PH

10-12%

FAT

12-16%

ASH

<5%

MOISTURE

FGI REFERENCE - 346.54

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# COCOA BUTTER



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Cocoa butter is the edible fat extracted during the processing of cocoa beans. This is an essential ingredient in chocolate making, however, it can also be used in confectionery, desserts, and cosmetics.

We want our customers to enjoy wider choices so we can offer cocoa butter in block and liquid format, with certifications such as Rainforest Alliance, Fairtrade and Organic.

## PACK SIZES

25kg Cartons  
*40 Cartons per Pallet*

Liquid Tankers  
*From 10MT to 22MT*

## VARIETIES

Deodorised  
Natural  
Organic

UTZ/Rainforest Alliance Mass Balance  
Fairtrade Mass Balance



# COCOA LIQUOR



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Cocoa liquor is 100% cocoa mass available in solid or liquid form. It contains both cocoa solids and cocoa butter in roughly equal proportion and is produced from cocoa beans that have been dried, roasted, and separated from their skins.

Cocoa liquor is a key ingredient in chocolate making, but can also be pressed to create cocoa cake (precursor to cocoa powder) and cocoa butter.

## PACK SIZES

20kg Bags  
*50 Bags per Pallet*

25kg Cartons  
*40 Cartons per Pallet*

## VARIETIES

Kibbled/Drops or Block Format  
Liquid Tankers

Single Origin  
Organic

UTZ/Rainforest Alliance Mass Balance  
Fairtrade Mass Balance



# CHOCOLATE



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## CHOCOLATE

Chocolate is primarily made from a mixture of cocoa mass, cocoa butter, milk, and sugar. With direct access to chocolate manufacturers all over the world, we are now able to offer a wide range of high-quality chocolate for a multitude of applications such as coating, baking, desserts, chocolate bar making, decoration, and more.

### VARIETIES



**DARK**



**MILK**



**WHITE**



**TOP FLAKES**

### PACK SIZES

20kg Bags  
36 Bags per Pallet

5.1kg Cartons  
60 Cartons per Pallet





# CHOCOLATE INCLUSIONS



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Chocolate Inclusions add extra chocolate flavour, texture, and bite to your end product and can be used in a variety of consumer-ready products such as bakery, dessert, confectionery, and more. Chocolate inclusions can also be used as decoration for a big visual impact on a variety of finished goods.

### VARIETIES



CHIPS



CHUNKS



CURLS



POWDERS



NIBS

### PACK SIZES

12kg Bags

70 Bags per Pallet



# COCOA FIBRE



## COCOA FIBRE

Cocoa fibre is made from specially selected cocoa shell which is then ground into a fine, medium brown coloured powder with typical cocoa aromas with a roasted flavour. Cocoa fibre has 59% fibre content and can be used in a variety of applications to increase the fibre and nutritional profile of finished goods.

Cocoa fibre can be used in cakes, cereal bars, ice cream, spreads, biscuits, sauces, and more.

### PACK SIZE

25KG Bags  
*40 Bags per Pallet*





# COCOA CAKE



## COCOA CAKE

We are able to supply cocoa cake, both natural and alkalised, from various origins in order to suit the specific needs of our customers across the globe.

Cocoa beans are cleaned, roasted, and milled to obtain a liquid slurry called cocoa liquor, which is the main ingredient for chocolate. The cocoa liquor is then hydraulically pressed, which results in two components; cocoa butter and cocoa cake. The cocoa cake can then be further processed into a multitude of cocoa powder varieties such as natural, alkalised, or high fat.

## VARIETIES

*Natural or Alkalised  
Expeller*





# WE PROVIDE EXCITING INGREDIENTS YOU CAN TRUST

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## INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS

We're constantly developing and introducing new, exciting products into our range to lead food ingredient development.

## MARKET INSIGHTS

Our procurement team share regular market updates with our customer base to support you in making the best purchasing decisions.

## UK & EU BASED WAREHOUSES

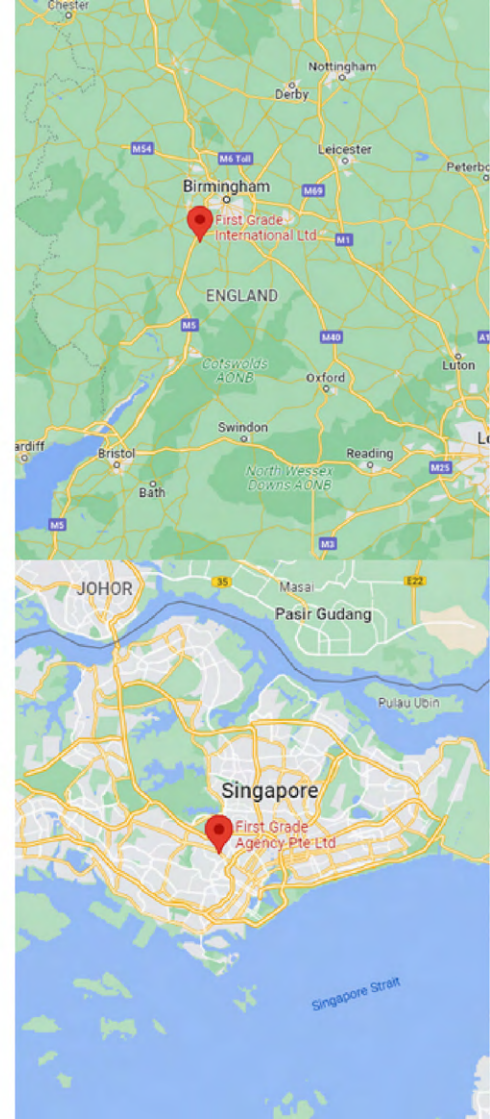
We keep high stock levels across our UK & EU based warehouses, ensuring we can fulfil our core product lines with short lead times and excellent reliability.

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