



# BLOMMER CHOCOLATE COMPANY

## KOSHER FOODS

### KOSHER

Kosher is a word that means “proper or pure”. Kosher relating to food products refers to the foods that God in the Bible permitted the Jewish people to eat. When a food product is certified Kosher, it means that product is allowed to be consumed or used according to dietary and ceremonial laws. A food product that is considered Kosher will be certified by a Rabbinical Council. Each Rabbinical Council has their own certification symbol as shown below. At Blommer Chocolate Company, each plant location uses different Rabbinical Councils to certify that products are Kosher. Because of this, not all of our products will show the same symbol on the label.

#### Examples of Rabbinical Councils and their symbols:

Organized Kashrus Laboratories 

Orthodox Union 

Star-K (Baltimore) 

Chicago Rabbinical Council 

### KOSHER FOR PASSOVER

In addition to meeting the year-round requirements for kosher, the food product also meets the Passover dietary laws, which prohibit the use of leavened grain products. The Rabbi of the certifying council will travel to the manufacturing facility to bless both the product and equipment. Also, the food packaging will be stamped and labeled by the Rabbi himself. The label will show capital letters ‘P’ and ‘D’ next to the Kosher symbol to designate a product that is Kosher for Passover.

### KOSHER DAIRY

Eggs and milk products can be labeled Kosher if they are produced by Kosher animals. The label will show a capital letter ‘D’ after the Kosher symbol to designate a product that is Kosher dairy.

### PAREVE

Pareve foods are neither meat nor dairy. For example, all fruits, grains, vegetables, water and minerals in their natural state are all considered Pareve. This is a designation for religious reasons, and does not necessarily mean dairy allergens are not present. All Pareve products made are required to have a flush procedure done prior to product manufacture. These products also generally have designated equipment that is separate from equipment that processes products with dairy, but may run through shared pipelines.

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