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NEW Industry guidance to encourage and support improved cocoa quality

[Cocoa Beans: A Guide to Chocolate & Cocoa Industry Quality Requirements](http://www.cocoaquality.eu)
www.cocoaquality.eu

The CAOBISCO, ECA and FCC Joint Cocoa Quality and Productivity research group¹ will launch a new publication 'Cocoa Beans: Chocolate & Cocoa Industry Quality Requirements' and a [website](http://www.cocoaquality.eu) to help improve cocoa quality, including food safety aspects, by making relevant information more accessible.

The new publication will be officially launched this week at the World Cocoa Conference 3 in the Dominican Republic. The guide will be presented on Wednesday 25th May during the session *"Stimulating Innovation in Cocoa Post-Harvest Methods for Quality Chocolate"*

The guide brings together key information from a range of publications covering aspects of cocoa farming and post-harvest practices, food safety regulations and quality standards and provides linkages to sources of further details.

CAOBISCO, ECA and FCC share the objective of working towards more sustainable cocoa which complies with such requirements for consumer, manufacturer and farmer benefit. The new guide is based on the BCCCA² publication "Cocoa Beans: Chocolate Manufacturers' Quality Requirements" 4th Ed (1996). The 2016 version has been fully revised and updated by Michelle End and Robin Dand, with a contribution from Darin Sukha and Ed Seguine, under the guidance of experts from the joint group.

The publication is available and can be [downloaded in French, English and Spanish](#) versions.

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² Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Association, United Kingdom, now a sector of the Food Drink Federation(FDF), United Kingdom



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CAOBISCO

Association of Chocolate, Biscuit and Confectionery Industries of Europe

With 17 member National Associations, as well as direct member companies and affiliated members, CAOBISCO is the voice of more than 11,000 European chocolate, biscuit and confectionery manufacturers all over Europe.

www.caobisco.eu

ECA

European Cocoa Association

ECA is a trade association that groups the major companies involved in the cocoa bean trade and processing, in warehousing and related logistical activities in Europe.

www.eurococoa.com

FCC

Federation of Cocoa Commerce

FCC has over 180 Members, operating in all areas of the cocoa supply chain from production/exportation through to chocolate manufacturing including the cocoa trade, cocoa processors, banks, logistics providers and superintendents.

www.cocoafederation.com

CRA

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