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

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KASHRUS ADVISORY

The kosher status of Trader Joe's dark chocolate chips has been changed from  Pareve to D Dairy.

 Kosher's decision to change the kosher status of the product is due to a change in the level of monitoring at the facility. Packages of Trader Joe's dark chocolate chips that bear the  Pareve label were produced at a time when a high level of monitoring of the separation between pareve and dairy enabled  Kosher to certify the product as pareve,

Currently, the monitoring of the level of separation between pareve and dairy is no longer sufficient to meet the requirements of  Pareve. Therefore according to  standards, we cannot guarantee the pareve status. All other kosher standards and procedures required by  Kosher are still in place.

 Kosher is fully aware of the tremendous concern this change has caused consumers and we are working with the manufacturer to find possible solutions. If the status should revert to pareve at some time in the future, the public will be notified.

