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Switzerland's first fully organic cocoa-processing plant starts production



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Traceability is very important to the company. Symbol picture © Héctor Emilio Gonzalez / Unsplash

Switzerland's first 100 per cent organic cocoa-processing plant has started producing organic and fair trade certified semi-finished cocoa products in Beringen near Schaffhausen.

Pronatec Swiss Cocoa Production will process around 15,000 tonnes of organic cocoa beans a year, sourced from smallholder cooperatives. Furthermore, it is the first production plant in Switzerland to make all three semi-finished products: cocoa mass, cocoa butter and cocoa powder.

Full traceability and transparent production is one of the key values of the company. "More and more consumers are not only looking for sustainable products but wanting to know exactly where the ingredients come from. This production plant is our response to that trend," says CEO David Yersin.