

# [***FACT CHECK: No, Kinder Is Not Using Insects In Its Chocolate; The ingredient the video refers to is an insect secretion, not an insect itself.***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BWK-PG51-DXXD-700D-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A video [*shared on Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/holly.summers.71465572/posts/pfbid0NBBzDBtQQis6DkbyT22ZEoewqxRy5N2kMXqmeF1YadQM9NVqfpUSTjdtLcmJBqgzl) claims Kinder Chocolate uses insects in one of its products.

**Verdict: False**

The claim is inaccurate. The ingredient the video refers to is an insect secretion, not an insect itself.

**Fact Check:**

The global chocolate supply is under a “real threat” as a virus is spreading through cocoa trees in West Africa, according to [*New York Post*](https://nypost.com/2024/04/24/lifestyle/global-chocolate-supply-under-real-threat-from-virus-expert/). The virus spreads through mealybugs that feed on the cacao and are highly resistant to pesticides, the outlet reported.

A Facebook video shows someone pointing to a Kinder package on the shelf and emphasizing the ingredient “shellack.” It then shows a screen recording of a user entering the ingredient into a Google search which returns images of insects.

“The Kinder brand, which is a German company, owner of the Schokobons recently stated in a declaration that it uses insects as an ingredient in this popular product for kids,” the caption reads.

The claim is inaccurate, however. There are [*no credible news reports*](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=adfface043f3fd58&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS1076US1076&sxsrf=ACQVn0_F7Lu5ZxdlFazx0rCG0mzafmJxwQ:1714068641912&q=kinder+uses+insects+as+an+ingredient&tbm=nws&source=lnms&prmd=invsbmtz&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiN9pWk-92FAxWMQjABHVxqA1QQ0pQJegQICxAB&biw=1920&bih=911&dpr=1) to suggest that Kinder made a statement saying it uses insects as an ingredient.

Shellac, as it is spelled in English, is not an insect, but instead a resin made from the secretions of the lac insect, according to [*Britannica*](https://www.britannica.com/topic/shellac). “We use shellac and gum Arabic to prevent the chocolate surface of Kinder Schoko-Bons from melting, making it more resistant when you hold it in your hand, and to make it shinier,” Kinder's [*website*](https://www.kinder.com/uk/en/quality-and-ingredients/ingredients/glazing-agents) reads. [***(RELATED: Photo Of 'Nun Moth' Is Artistic Depiction, Not Real Image)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2023/08/22/fact-check-nun-moth/)

Check Your Fact reached out to a spokesperson for Ferrero, which owns Kinder, and will update this piece accordingly if a comment is received.

**Graphic**

Illustration picture shows a Kinder chocolate, Sunday 03 April 2022 in Brussels. BELGA PHOTO LAURIE DIEFFEMBACQ (Photo by LAURIE DIEFFEMBACQ / BELGA MAG / Belga via AFP) (Photo by LAURIE DIEFFEMBACQ/BELGA MAG/AFP via Getty Images)

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