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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to edible adhesive coatings for multi-component food products, methods of making edible adhesive coatings, food products- comprising these edible adhesive coatings, and methods to make multi-component food products comprising edible adhesive coatings; and particularly to edible adhesive coatings for multi-component food products, methods of making edible adhesive coatings, food products comprising these edible adhesive coatings, and methods to make multi-component food products comprising edible adhesive coatings where one of the functions for the edible adhesive coating is to facilitate adhesion of particulate components, such as grains or granola pieces, to a base component, such as a food- based center. This invention, in one embodiment, provides an edible adhesive coating comprising a source of edible fat, a hygroscopic food powder, and optionally an emulsifier. In specific embodiments, the hygroscopic food powder is a dietary fiber, such as polydextrose, and the emulsifier is lecithin. The source of edible fat can be any typical source, including compound coatings and chocolate coatings. Other embodiments of the present invention provide methods to make edible adhesive coatings, methods to make food products using edible adhesive coatings, and food products comprising edible adhesive coatings.



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