NOTIFICATION

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** - |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Food in general (ICS Code: 67.040) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X] All trading partners**  **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft MOPH Notification, No. … B.E. …., Re: Prescribed foods which have criteria, condition, and method of use in food produced for sale, imported for sale or sold. **Language(s):** Thai and English. **Number of pages:** 1 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In order to update and comply with international standards, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH Notifications, as follows:  The MOPH notification (No.151) B.E. 2536 (1993) on Prescribed prohibited substances used in food, dated 28 December 1993 and The MOPH notification (No.247) B.E.2544 (2001) on Prescribed prohibited substances used in food (No.2), dated 28 November 2001, are repealed and replaced by this (Draft) MOPH Notification; Prescribed foods which have criteria, condition, and method of use in food produced for sale, imported for sale or sold as follows:   1. Calcium iodate or Potassium iodate; 2. Methyl alcohol or Methanol; 3. Stevia which scientific name is *Stevia rebaudiana* Bertoni and products from stevia.   This draft notification shall come into force after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[****X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**Codex General Standard for Food Additives and some chemical substances evaluated by JECFA.  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** |
|  | **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X] Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   1. The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 151) B.E. 2536 (1993) Re: Prescribed prohibited substances used in food, dated 28 December B.E. 2536 (1993). 2. The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 247) B.E. 2544 (2001) Re: Prescribed prohibited substances to be used in foods (No. 2), dated 28 November B.E. 2544 (2001). |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** The day after its publication in the Royal Thai Government Gazette.  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 30 days from the date of circulation of the notification.  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS)  50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao  Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900  Thailand  Tel: +(662) 561 4024  Fax: +(662) 561 4034  E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com  Website: <http://www.acfs.go.th> |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS)  50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao  Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900  Thailand  Tel: +(662) 561 4024  Fax: +(662) 561 4034  E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com  Website: <http://www.acfs.go.th> |