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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>THAILAND</u> 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification (MOPH), No. ... B.E. ..., entitled "Food Containing Pesticide Residues (Pesticide Residues in Food) (No. 5)". Language(s): Thai. Number of pages: 232 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/THA/25_00775_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: For consumer protection, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH notification concerning the maximum residue level of pesticides in food through a risk-based framework focused on either short-term (acute) or long-term (chronic) exposures using Thai food consumption data and field trial data. The main elements of the draft MOPH notification are as follows: 1. Revision of the MRLs/EMRLs set forth in Annexes 2 and 4 of the MOPH notification; 2. Revision of the Default limit set forth in Annex 3 of the MOPH notification; 3. Addition of the provision "In cases other than those specified in Annexes 2 and 4 and Codex, the pesticide residues in food shall not exceed the ASEAN MRLs". This MOPH notification shall come into force after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Standard entitled "Codex Pesticide Residues in Food" <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, No. 387 (B.E. 2560) (2017) Title: Food Containing Pesticide Residues, issued on 18 August 2017 2. Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 393) B.E 2561 (2018) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Food Containing Pesticide Residues (Pesticide Residues in Food) (No. 2) 3. Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 419) B.E 2563 (2020) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Food Containing Pesticide Residues (Pesticide Residues in Food) (No. 3) 4. Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 449) B.E 2567 (2024) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Food Containing Pesticide Residues (Pesticide Residues in Food) (No. 4) (available in Thai and English)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The day after its publication in the Royal Thai Government Gazette. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2025</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900; Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4204 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: spsthailand@acfs.go.th spsthailand@gmail.com Websites: http://www.acfs.go.th http://www.spsthailand.acfs.go.th/</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>E-mail: spsthailand@acfs.go.th spsthailand@gmail.com Websites: http://www.acfs.go.th http://www.spsthailand.acfs.go.th/</p>