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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA)
<b>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):</b> Mineral water (ICS code: 67.160.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), (No. ...) B.E. .... issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Mineral Water (No. 2). <b>Language(s):</b> Thai. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to facilitate easy recycling of plastic bottles, reduce contamination of chemicals from inks, glue, and small plastic label fragment in recycled plastic materials, and reduce plastic label waste, this draft of notification of the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) (No. ...) B.E. .... issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Mineral Water (No. 2) amends the detail of labelling requirements beyond the notification of MOPH on labelling of pre-packaged foods.  The display of labelling on the mineral water bottles will be allowed to voluntarily use label-free techniques (e.g., embossing, engraving) and digital labelling (e.g., QR code) to provide food information to consumers.  The name of the food, trademark, symbol, brand name, food serial number, and volume should be provided on the bottle using techniques e.g. embossing or engraving, together with a digital labelling. Likewise, the manufacturing date, expiration date, or best-before date are required to be displayed on the individual bottles.  Additional information, such as name and address of manufacturer, importer, or head office, carbonation, chemical composition, geographic location, declared treatment or modification can be provided only in the digital labelling.  This draft has also been notified in the TBT notification.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Guidelines on the use of technology to provide food information in food labelling (for adoption at Step 8)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 454) B.E. 2567 Issued by the virtue of Food Act B.E. 2522 Re. Natural mineral waters  <a href="https://food.fda.moph.go.th/media.php?id=707483290671652864&amp;name=P454_EN.pdf">https://food.fda.moph.go.th/media.php?id=707483290671652864&amp;name=P454_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>• The notification of MOPH (No. 450) B.E. 2567 (2024) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods  <a href="https://food.fda.moph.go.th/media.php?id=657392349080592384&amp;name=P450_EN.pdf">https://food.fda.moph.go.th/media.php?id=657392349080592384&amp;name=P450_EN.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> After the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 5 April 2025</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@acfs.go.th">spsthailand@acfs.go.th</a>, <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a>  Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a>  <a href="http://www.spsthailand.acfs.go.th">http://www.spsthailand.acfs.go.th</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@acfs.go.th">spsthailand@acfs.go.th</a>, <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a>  Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a>  <a href="http://www.spsthailand.acfs.go.th">http://www.spsthailand.acfs.go.th</a></p>