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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): Drinking water in sealed container (bottled/packed water)
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 Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), (No. ...) B.E. issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Drinking water in sealed container (bottled/packed water). Language(s): Thai. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/THA/25_01167_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: In order to protect consumer health from pathogens and contaminants in drinking water, facilitate easy recycling of plastic bottle and reducing plastic label waste, the notification of the MOPH (No. 61) B.E. 2524 (1981) Re: Drinking water in sealed container and the amended versions will be repealed by the draft notification of the MOPH (No. ...) B.E. Re: Drinking water in sealed container (bottled/packed water). This draft notification provides for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The definition of "drinking water in sealed container" which include "water defined by origin" (e.g., spring water) and "carbonated water";• Selective treatments for water defined by origin;• Physical, microbiological, and chemical quality standard, including the maximum contaminant levels;• The addition of food additive (carbon dioxide) in accordance with the notification of MOPH on Food Additives;• The details on labelling requirements shall be in accordance with the notification of MOPH on Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods. However, the display of labelling on the packed water 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. <p>The name of the food or trademark or symbol or brand name, food serial number, and volume should be provided on the bottle using label-free techniques (e.g. embossing, engraving) together with a digital labelling on the cap. Likewise, the manufacturing date or expiration date or best-before date are required to be displayed on the individual bottled water.</p> <p>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.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producers or importers of packed/bottled water which have been approved for marketing prior to this draft of notification comes into force shall comply with the new requirements within two years from the enforcement date of this notification. <p>This draft has also been notified in the TBT notification.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CXS 227-2001: General Standard for Bottled/Packed Drinking Waters (other than Natural Mineral Waters)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHO Guidelines for drinking-water quality: 4th edition incorporating the 1st and 2nd addenda https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240045064 The notification of Department of Health on concerning the recommend parameters for drinking water monitoring B.E. 2563 (2020) (Thai) https://laws.anamai.moph.go.th/th/practices/201132 The notification of MOPH (No. 444) B.E. 2566, RE: Prescribing the Principle, Conditions, Methods and Proportion of Food Additives (No. 3) https://food.fda.moph.go.th/media.php?id=575225582770593792&name=P444_EN.pdf 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 https://food.fda.moph.go.th/media.php?id=657392349080592384&name=P450_EN.pdf
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): After the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 April 2025

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