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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 a hermetically sealed container (ICS code: 67.020)
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 in a Hermetically Sealed Container". Language(s): Thai and English. Number of pages: 2 and 3 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/THA/25_04821_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/THA/25_04821_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: For consumer protection, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH Notification Food in a Hermetically Sealed Container to modernize the regulatory framework for food in sealed containers in line with current scientific knowledge, technological advancements, and food safety standards. The main elements of the draft MOPH notification are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revocation of the Previous Notification (Notification No. 355 B.E. 2556 on "Food in a Sealed Container" (Clause 1));2. Revised Definition and Criteria for Foods in Sealed Containers by emphasizing water activity values and sterilization methods (Clause 3) and food types are categorized into low-acid foods and acidified/acid foods, with specific pH thresholds and additional quality criteria (Clauses 5–6);3. Updated Labelling Requirements by drain weight must be declared on the label for foods where the solid portion can be separated from the liquid. (Clause 11);4. 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.	<p>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): Codex Standards related to canned foods and General standard for the labelling of pre-packaged foods</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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><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 September 2025</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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, [X] 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>