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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): Tea infusion (HS code 0902; ICS code 67.140.10)
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, No. ... B.E.(....) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 entitled "Tea infusion". Language(s): Thai and English. Number of pages: 13 and 16 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/THA/25_05035_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/THA/25_05035_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) considered the existing notifications of the Ministry of Public Health regarding tea infusion should be revised in order to update the list of plants and parts of plant used as ingredient for tea infusion for more effective of consumer health protection and fair practice of trade. Clause 1. Clause 3 of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 426) B.E. 2564 (2021), issued under the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), regarding Herbal Tea, dated 29 March B.E. 2564 (2021), is hereby repealed and replaced with the following: "Clause 3: "Tea infusion" means a product obtained from parts of plants and fungi that are processed by drying and may rough grinding or diminishing for consumption by boiling or infusing with water." Clause 2. The plant and plant part listed as No. 92, licorice (<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>), in the list of plants and plant parts permitted for use as raw materials for tea infusion in the annex of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 426) B.E. 2564 (2021), issued under the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), regarding Herbal Tea dated 29 March 2021, is hereby repealed. Clause 3. The plants and plant parts listed in the annex to this notification shall be added as items numbered 202 to 311 in the existing list of raw materials permitted for tea infusion, appended to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 426) B.E. 2564 (2021), issued under the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), regarding Tea Infusion, dated 29 March 2021. Clause 4. Producers or importers for sale of tea infusion containing licorice (item No. 92) as specified in Clause 2, who were authorized prior to the effective date of this notification, may continue to sell their products for a period not exceeding one year from the effective date.

	<p>Clause 5. Producers or importers for sale of tea infusion containing plants listed in Clause 3, items No. 202 to 311, who were authorized prior to the effective date of this notification, may continue to sell their products for a period not exceeding two years from the effective date.</p> <p>Producers or importers of tea infusion containing plants listed in Clause 3, items No. 202 to 311, are required to comply fully with this notification within two years from its effective date.</p> <p>Clause 6. This notification shall come into effect from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.</p> <p>This draft Ministry of Public Health notification was also notified under the TBT notification.</p>
7.	<p>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>
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input 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> <p>The notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 426) entitled "Tea Infusion " as notified G/SPS/N/THA/334/Add.1 dated 14 June 2021</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): 28 September 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. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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