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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): Foods (ICS Code: 67.040)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners

 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification entitled "Gluten-free on food label" . Language(s): 3. Number of pages: Thai

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/THA/17_0850_00_x.pdf

- **6. Description of content:** The draft MOPH notification proposes to prescribe the "gluten free" food labelling as follows:
 - 1. Food complying with the following criteria can make declaration of "gluten free" on food label:
 - (a) Cereasl other than cereals or root plants which naturally contain gluten;
 - (b) Flour made from (a);
 - (c) Food product having ingredient from (a) or (b);
 - (d) Food consisting of one or more ingredients from wheat as all Triticum species (i.e. durum wheat, spelt, kamut), rye, barley, oats or their crossbred varieties which have been specially processed to remove gluten, and the gluten level in a final product sold to consumer does not exceed 20 mg/kg of the final food product;
 - Declaration of food in item 1. can be displayed as "gluten free" only. In case of food in item (d), the text of "being specially processed to remove gluten" shall be displayed together with "gluten free";
 - 3. Method of analysis shall be based on the Standard for Foods for Special Dietary Use for Persons Intolerant to Gluten CODEX STAN 118-1979;
 - 4. This MOPH notification shall come into force as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.
- Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection,
 [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:	
	[X]	Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Standard for Foods for Special Dietary Use for Persons Intolerant to Gluten CODEX STAN 118-1979
	[]	World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[]	International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[]	None
	Does	this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[X] Y	es []No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:	
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.	
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.	
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The day after being notified in the Official Gazette.	
	[]	Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable	
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