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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): Beef and beef products (HS codes: 0201, 0202, 04, 0506, 1502 etc.)
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 MOPH Notification, B.E. ..., entitled "Import Requirement for Food with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy" Language(s): Thai Number of pages: 7 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/THA/15_4811_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH notification concerning Import Requirement for Food with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The MOPH Notification No. 296 (B.E. 2549) (2006) entitled "Re: Foods with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy", dated 13 January 2006, is repealed and replaced by this (Draft) MOPH Notification;2. Classified the BSE risk status of the bovine population of a country, zone or compartment into three categories according to the OIE criteria, as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Category 1: Negligible BSE risk Country;- Category 2: Controlled BSE risk Country; and- Category 3: Undetermined BSE risk Country;3. Described the definitions of "Beef", "Fresh Beef" and "Beef products";4. Prescribed the import requirements for fresh beef and beef products for human consumption into Thailand according to the OIE criteria;5. The following organs: tonsils, distal ileum, brains, eyes, spinal cord, skull and vertebral column from cows of any age including and any foods products thereof, are prohibited to be imported from all area without concerning of level or area of BSE producing risk;6. This notification shall come into force on the following date after 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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) OIE - Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2015: Chapter 11.4 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</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: The MOPH Notification No. 296 (B.E. 2549) (2006) entitled "Re: Foods with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy" (available in Thai)</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): On the date after being notified in the Official 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): 31 January 2016</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 4024 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 +(662) 561 4088 E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Website: http://www.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>E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com</p>