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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA)
<b>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):</b> Food additives - ICS Code(s): 67.220.20
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification, No. ... B.E. .... entitled "Food Additives (No. 4)" <b>Language(s):</b> Thai <b>Number of pages:</b> 582 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_0070_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_0070_00_x.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_0070_01_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_0070_01_x.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_0070_02_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_0070_02_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) considered that it was appropriate to revise the detail of maximum use levels permitted for food additives including Cyclamate and Steviol glycoside as follows:  Clause 1. The following Notifications shall be repealed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 359 B.E. 2556 (2013), Re: Cyclamate, dated on 8 July B.E. 2556 (2013);</li><li>2) The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 360 B.E. 2556 (2013), Re: Steviol glycoside, dated on 8 July B.E. 2556 (2013).</li></ol> Clause 2. Clause 6 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 281 B.E. 2547 (2004) on Food Additives, dated on 18 August B.E. 2547 (2004) shall be repealed and replaced by the following provision:  "Clause 6 the use of food additives shall use following the name of food additive, category or type of food, functional classes and maximum permitted use level according to annex I and annex II of this Notification."  – Two or more food additives classified in the same functional classes, which have been determined the numeric maximum permitted level, are used in combination. The sum of the quantities obtained by dividing the amount of each food additive used by the maximum permitted level for that food additive must not exceed one.  – The use of food additives that differs from the statement stipulated in the first and second paragraph shall be approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Such food additives shall be evaluated safety assessment according to the rules, conditions and procedures for permission as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Food additives shall have the qualities or standards according to the Codex Advisory Specification for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives or the announcement of</li></ol>

<p>the Food and Drug Administration;</p> <p>2) The dietary exposure of food additives shall be evaluated according to the principle approved by the Food Committee;</p> <p>3) Food additives shall have the technical documents or reliable research publications supporting the necessity of using such additives in food;</p> <p>4) Use of food additives shall comply with the current law and regulation of at least two countries, which have the reliable risk assessment system, namely the European Union, Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America and Japan.</p> <p>– The use of food additives according to the first, second and third paragraph shall not enforce on the specific controlled food or prescribed food quality or standard particularly stipulating in the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health on using food additives.</p> <p>Clause 3. Clause 7 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 281 B.E. 2547 (2004), Re: Food Additives, dated on 18 August B.E. 2547 (2004) shall be repealed.</p> <p>Clause 4. The manufacturer or food importer, obtaining a permission prior to the effective date of this Notification, shall comply with this Notification within one year from the effective date.</p> <p>Clause 5. This Notification shall come into force as from the date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></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 type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 281 B.E. 2547 (2004) entitled "Food Additives" (available in Thai)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): On the date after being notified in the Official Gazette. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

**12. Final date for comments:  Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 March 2016**

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