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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> Cocoa bean products (incl. Cocoa butter, Cocoa mass or Cocoa liquor, Cocoa powder and Cacao powder (HS code(s): 1804, 1805, ICS Code: 67.140.30)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Notification, No. ... B.E. .... (....) issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 entitled "Cocoa bean products". <b>Language(s):</b> Thai and English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 and 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/THA/22_1488_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/THA/22_1488_00_x.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/THA/22_1488_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/THA/22_1488_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The MOPH proposes to establish the draft of MOPH Notification entitled "Cocoa bean products" for the purposes of consumer health protection, consumer information or labelling, qualities and standards requirements and trade facilitation. Main elements of the draft of MOPH notification are as follows:  Prescribing definition of Cocoa butter, Cocoa mass or Cocoa liquor, Cocoa powder and Cacao powder. Prescribing qualities and standards of Cocoa bean products (incl. Cocoa butter, Cocoa mass or Cocoa liquor, Cocoa powder and Cacao powder); use of food additives or processing aids or flavouring agents; production processes, production equipment and food storages; usage package or containers; including labelling Prescribing producers or importers of Cocoa bean products for sale, whose permits issued prior to the date of this notification come into force, can prolong to produce or import for sale, including seller can sell the former products, but not exceed two years from the date of this notification come into force. This notification shall enter into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette. This regulation has been notified as TBT Notification.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard For Cocoa Butter (CODEX STAN 86 – 1981)</li> <li>- Standard For Cocoa Powders (Cocoas) And Dry Mixtures Of Cocoa And Sugars (CODEX STAN 105 – 1981)</li> <li>- Standard For Cocoa (Cacao) Mass (Cocoa/Chocolate Liquor) And Cocoa Cake (CODEX STAN 105 – 1983)</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><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"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> On the date after being notified in the Official Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 10 April 2022</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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@gmail.com  Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a>  <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com  Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a>  <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>