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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): Banana, chestnut, dragon fruit, cantaloupe, rambutan, rose apple, watermelon, pomegranate, guava, jujube, mango, papaya, sapodilla, longan, strawberry, mandarine, orange, pear, grape, apple, garlic, cauliflower, cabbage, chives, galangal, kale, carrot, spring onion, bean sprout, ivy gourd, cucumber, yardlong bean, garden pea, broccoli, basil leaf, asiatic pennywort, spinach, Chinese cabbage, amaranth, water spinach, pepper, pumpkin, tomato, eggplant, potato, shallot, mushroom, sweet basil
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 "The requirements for production processes, production equipments, storage and labeling of some fresh fruits or vegetables". Language(s): Thai. Number of pages: 17 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_4548_00_x.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/THA/16_4548_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: For consumer protection, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing the notification on good practice for packing houses as follows: 6.1 Annex I of the draft MOPH notification indicates a list of some types of fresh fruit or vegetables which shall be packed by proper operations; 6.2 The minimum requirements for packing house operations or good practices are summarized in Annex II of the draft MOPH notification in order to ensure that only safe fruits or vegetables shall be collected, packaged and distributed to consumers; 6.3 Importers who import such fresh fruits or vegetables as indicated in Annex I shall provide, as good practice, a certificate of satisfaction as required under this notification or otherwise meet the minimum requirements of this notification; 6.4 The minimum requirements for retail labelling are that each display must clearly show the following: 1) Name and address of producer (packing house) or importer and country of origin; 2) Registration Number; 3) Code or Number of production lot. This information should be on the label of the original container. Where such fresh fruits or vegetables are presented to the consumer without packaging, the required information must be clearly and prominently displayed on a label on the container or

<p>tray. If not, the retailer should have a record of the required information that is accessible to consumers;</p> <p>6.5 Those who receive production or importing licenses for such fresh fruits or vegetables prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification, which do not comply with this ministerial notification, shall include these identified improvements or provide certificates, as the case may be, within one year from the date of entry into force of the notification;</p> <p>6.6 This notification shall come into force after one year as from the date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CAC/RCP 53-2003</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 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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): One year as from the date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 40 days from the date of circulation of the notification.</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 4024 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 +(662) 561 4088 E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Website: http://www.acfs.go.th</p>

13. Text(s) available from: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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