



**NOTIFICATION**

*Revision*

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
<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> Cannabis and hemp ( <i>Cannabis sativa</i> ) seeds for sowing (HS code: 12.09, ICS code: 65.020.20)
<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 Notification of Department of Agriculture Re: Conditions for Import of Cannabis and Hemp Seeds B.E. .... (....). <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/THA/24_03154_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/THA/24_03154_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Department of Agriculture (DOA) is proposing to revise the DOA notification concerning the phytosanitary import requirements of Cannabis and hemp ( <i>Cannabis sativa</i> ) seeds for sowing from all countries as follows: 1. The Notification of Department of Agriculture, Re: Conditions for import of Cannabis and Hemp Seeds B.E. 2565 (2022), dated 10 October 2022, is repealed and replaced by this (Draft) DOA notification; 2. Cannabis and hemp seed lots are required to fulfil one of the following phytosanitary import conditions, and/or a combination of the two conditions addressing each of thirteen quarantine pests, i.e. <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>cannabina</i> , <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>cannabis</i> , <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> , <i>Arabis mosaic virus</i> , <i>Alfalfa mosaic virus</i> , <i>Hop latent viroid</i> , <i>Orobanche ramosa</i> , <i>Cuscuta europaea</i> , <i>Cuscuta pentagona</i> , <i>Striga angustifolia</i> , <i>Striga aspera</i> , <i>Striga densiflora</i> and <i>Striga hermonthica</i> .  Cannabis and hemp seeds were produced in a country where the quarantine pests are not known to occur; OR Cannabis and hemp seeds were tested and found free from the quarantine pests.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM No. 38: International movement of seeds</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. <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): 60 days after being notified under the Official Gazette. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 July 2024</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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 4204 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a> Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main">https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <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>E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a> Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main">https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main</a></p>