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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Public Health (MOPH)
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): <i>Aegle marmelos</i> (Linn.) Corr., <i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i> (Linn.), <i>Zingiber officinale</i> Roscoe, <i>Alpinia galanga</i> (Linn.) Stwartz, <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> Stapf, <i>Morus alba</i> (Linn.), <i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> (Linn.), <i>Centella asiatica</i> (Linn.) Urban, <i>Pandanus odoratus</i> Ridl., <i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp. and Hybrid, <i>Momordica grosvenori</i> , <i>Ganoderma lucidum</i> , <i>Phyllanthus emblica</i> (Linn.), <i>Gynostemma pentaphyllum</i> , <i>Derris scandens</i> Benth (ICS 37.140.10)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Notification of the Ministry of Public Health on Herbal Tea Standard Requirement. (3 pages in Thai)
6.	Description of content: The MOPH deems it necessary to set the standard for herbal tea to protect the consumers as the herbs are currently very popular products for consumption as drinking tea. The above plants used as raw material for herbal tea are required to meet the standard of humidity as announced by MOPH about herbal drugs, or not more than 10 per cent of its weight, no pathogen or toxin from microbe, chemical pesticide, additives and others which will cause the risk to consumers. The manufacturing methods and tools, storage, containers and labelling should also comply with the relevant regulations.
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.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), The Notification of MOPH B.E. 2543 (2002) No. 214 and Amendment B.E. 2544 (2001) No. 230
10.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 60 days after being notified under the Official Gazette

12. Final date for comments: 60 days after notified date

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Texts available from: ☒ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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