

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: The Office of Food and Drug Administration (Thai – FDA) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: National Enquiry Point
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Spirituous beverages (HS 2203-2208)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) No. 272 dated 8 July 2003 entitled "Spirituous beverages"
6.	<p>Description of content: The Ministry of Public Health is authorized to stipulate with the aims of protecting customers and of preventing children from drinking spirits before their age, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The MOPH Notification No. 177, 1997 was repealed.• Spirituous beverages is stipulated as required standard or quality food.• The labelling contents must (i) be complied with the Notification of the Ministry of Finance concerning the administrative framework of Spirituous beverages (ii) be affixed the caution of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No sale to children under 18 years.- Drinking spirits can lessen control.- Children under 18 years should not drink. <p>In Thai, legible, bold letter at least 5 mm height, fit in a box, the colour of the box edge and letters must contrast with the background.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These labelling requirements will not apply to import that is not for trade purpose, just for re-export or to production for export. <p>The current label that is not complied with the above requirements is extendable but not beyond 90 days upon the effective date of this stipulation.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: The Official Gazette volume 120, special chapter 76 ng. dated 11 July 2003 (2 pages, available in Thai)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: - Proposed date of entry into force: 12 July 2003
10.	Final date for comments: -
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) Division of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards Policy 3 Ratchadamnern-Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200 Thailand Tel.: (662) 629 8970 Fax: (662) 629 8978 Web site: www.acfs.go.th E-mail: sps@acfs.go.th