

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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 (FDA) , Ministry of Public Health
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: HS Chapter 1517, ICS: 67.200.10 (Animal and vegetable fats and oils)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No...), B.E.2543(2000) Margarine (6 pages, available in Thai language)
5.	<p>Description of content: The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.129) B.E.2533(1990) Margarine dated 23 April 1990 is withdrawn. Good Manufacturing Practice shall be applied for production of margarine. In addition, this ministerial notification prescribes the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Quality or standards, i.e. fat content and/or oil content, vitamin A or pro-vitamin A or combination thereof, water content, sodium chloride content, free from rancid odour, toxic microorganisms and toxin from microorganisms in the content which may be harmful to health.(2) Permissible limits of food additives, i.e. emulsifiers, preservatives, antioxidants, antioxidant synergists, neutralization and antifoaming.(3) Colorants(4) Containers(5) Labelling <p>Licences for food registration or food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will be valid for 2 years.</p> <p>Producers or importers who received licences prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for licences within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for 2 years.</p>
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests

7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Publication in which the notification is published when adopted: - Government Gazette
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 19 September 2000
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
11.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the WTO circulation date Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	Texts available from: [X] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: