

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> The Office of Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA)
3.	<b>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> Methyl alcohol
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All countries
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> The Ministry of Public Health Notification No. 259 dated 9 July 2002 entitled "The Application of Methyl Alcohol as Processing Aids on Certain Foods" (2 pages, available in Thai)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> As methyl alcohol is acceptable as a processing aid in food production, the Minister of Public Health is authorized, where the Codex Standard is also taken into account, to notify the public that methyl alcohol may be used as a processing aid on certain foods, namely:  (i) Calcium 5'-ribonucleotide or Disodium 5'-ribonucleotide which was determined as specific-controlled-food under the Ministry of Public Health Notification No. 38 (1979);  (ii) Stevioside which was determined as specific-controlled-food under the Ministry of Public Health Notification No. 262 (2002).  Methyl alcohol within this authorization is required to have the nature, specification and foreign matters limits set forth under this notification and the maximum limit (ML) on the above foods is 50 mg./kg.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The official gazette, volume 119, special chapter 91 d, dated 30 September 2002 (2 pages, available in Thai).
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> -
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 October 2002
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> - <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:  Authority designated to handle comments: Enquiry point National Bureau of Agriculture Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) Division of Agriculture Commodity and Food Standards Policy 3 Ratchadamnern-Nok Road, Bangkok 10200 Thailand Tel: (662) 629 8970 Fax: (662) 629 8978 Website: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">www.acfs.go.th</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:acfspol@acfs.go.th">acfspol@acfs.go.th</a>