

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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: Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): Alcoholic Beverages (ICS: 67.160.10)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft TIS 39-254X (19XX) Standard for Distilled Liquors (6 pages, available in Thai)
6.	<p>Description of content: The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) proposes to withdraw TIS 39-2516 (1973) Alcoholic Beverages, and establish new standard series of Alcoholic Beverages which consist of 3 parts, namely, TIS 39-254X (19XX) Distilled Liquors, TIS XXXX-254X (19XX) Wine, and TIS XXXX-254X (19XX) Beer. In addition, TISI proposes to enforce the mentioned three standards as mandatory standards. This Notification covers TIS 39-254X (19XX) Distilled Liquors, which prescribes the following items:</p> <p>(1) Classification: Distilled liquors are classified into four classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Distilled liquors required characteristic flavour from raw material, sometimes blended to obtain the required colour, odour, flavour and alcoholic strength, i.e. vodka, white spirit, sorghum spirit, and others.- Distilled liquors blended to obtain required colour, odour, flavour and alcoholic strength, i.e. mixed liquors, special mixed liquors, special blended liquors, gin, fruit spirit, light rum, cordial or liqueur, medicated liqueur, and others.- Distilled liquors obtained by ageing, i.e. whisky, brandy, rum, and others.- Soft spirit or pre-mixed cocktail <p>(2) Alcoholic strength and chemical requirements</p>

	<p>(3) Food additives, i.e. sulphur dioxide, benzoic acid and its salt, sorbic acid and its salt</p> <p>(4) Contaminants, i.e. arsenic, lead and copper</p> <p>(5) Packing</p> <p>(6) Marking and labelling</p> <p>(7) Sampling and criteria for conformity</p>
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: Publication in which the Notification is published when adopted: - Government Gazette
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the circulation date
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: