

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 182) B.E. 2541 (1998)

Re: Nutrition Labelling

It deems appropriate to have nutrition labelling for information and useful nutrition facts to people and consumers protection in food and nutrition.

By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6 (10) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues a notification as follows:

Clause 1. The following categories of foods are required to have nutrition labelling.

1.1 Foods which have nutrition claim.

1.2 Foods which utilizing food value in sale promotion.

1.3 Foods which define consumer groups in sale promotion.

1.4 Other foods to be notified by Food and Drug Administration, which are approved by the Food Committee.

Clause 2. In this notification,

“Foods which have nutrition claim” means foods which indicate nutrients information in food labelling relate to type or quantity of nutrients, nutrients content by comparative claim, or nutrients function but not to include foods which have nutrition claims as follow to particular notification of Ministry of Public Health.

“Foods which utilizing food value in sale promotion” means foods which bring their information and usefulness or function, ingredients or nutrients of product to health for use in sale promotion.

“Food which define consumer groups in sale promotion” means foods which are aimed for specific consumer groups such as: students, executives, elderly groups, etc. but not to include foods which are defined for consumer groups as follow to particular notification of Ministry of Public Health.

“Nutrients” means recommended nutrients in Appendix No. 3 attached to this notification and also mean to include energies derived from the nutrients.

Clause 3. Food labelling as stipulated in Clause No. 1 shall follow to notification of Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels, and must display nutrition labelling according to this notification.

Clause 4. Nutrition labelling must be expressed in Thai language, but foreign language may be included and must conform to criteria and conditions in Appendices attached to this notification as follows:

4.1 Appendix No.1: Format and conditions to display nutrition labelling.

4.2 Appendix No.2: Method to prescribe quantity per one serving unit to quantity per consumption unit per container.

4.3 Appendix No.3: Thai recommended daily intakes for ages of 6 years and up.

4.4 Appendix No.4: Criteria for Nutrition Claims on food labelling

Clause 5. This notification shall not to enforce to the followings:

5.1 Modified milk for infant and modified follow-up milk for infant and young children, infant food and follow-up food for infant and young children, supplementary food for infant and young children and other foods which are prescribed by the notification of the Ministry of Public Health concerning the nutrients displayed on labelling only.

5.2 Foods which are not for sale directly to consumers or foods which are not produced or imported for sale in the country.

5.3 Foods which are partially packed from bulk batch intended to sale in whole.

Clause 6. This notification:

6.1 Shall come into force after 180 days as from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette henceforth.

6.2 Food producers or importers, whose Food Registration , Food Labelling , Food Declaration, or foods which are required to bare nutrition labelling, which conform to this notification of the Ministry of Public Health, shall apply for changes or labelling approvals to follow to this notification, as the case may be, within 180 days as from the enforcement date of this notification. After application for such changes or approvals, the existing labels are allowed to be used until the new changes or approvals are granted or until further notice from authority not allow to use the existing labels.

The approvals of new labels usage as stipulated in first phrase, should there be any remaining labels, which are reproduced before this notification and not follow to this notification, are allowed to be used until last but not exceeding to one year after this notification come into force.

Notified on 20th March 1998.

Signed Rakkiet Sukthana

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Minister of Public Health

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Note: This English version of the notification is translated to meet the need of the non-Thai speaking people. In case of any discrepancy between the Thai original and the English translation, the former will take priority.