

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 210) B.E. 2543 (2000)

Re: Semi-processed Foods

It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Semi-processed Foods.

By the virtue of the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) and (10) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), in which contain provisions in relation to the restriction of Rights and Liberties of the Persons, in respect of which Section 29 and in conjunction with Section 35, Section 48 and Section 50 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand so permit by virtue of provisions of law; the Minister of Public Health hereby issues a notification as follows:

Clause 1. The following notifications shall be repealed.

(1) The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 39 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribed semi-processed foods to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards, dated 13th September B.E. 2522 (1979).

(2) The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 88 B.E. 2528 (1985), Re: Prescribed semi-processed food to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards (No. 2), dated 17th May B.E. 2528 (1985).

Clause 2. Semi-processed Foods in sealed container is prescribed to have qualities or standards.

Clause 3. Semi-processed Foods means food which has been passed through partially cooked processes, and can be consumed after passing simple cooked processes in short time, such as filling hot water, boiling or adding other food.

Clause 4. Food as stipulated in Clause 2 can be classified into 4 types as follows:

(1) Noodle, a sheet of rice noodle (Guay-Jub), wheat noodle, rice vermicelli and mung bean vermicelli.

(2) Kao Tom (Boiled rice) and Joke (Porridge rice).

- (3) Broth and concentrated soup in cube, powdered or dried form.
- (4) Curries and curry pastes.

Clause 5 Noodle, a sheet of rice noodle (Guay-Jub), wheat noodle, rice vermicelli and mung bean vermicelli shall be of the qualities or standards as follows:

- (1) Free of rancid odour.
- (2) Moisture content not more than 10% by weight, in case being fried with oil, and not more than 13% by weight, in case made from other process.
- (3) Protein not less than 5% by weight for noodle, a sheet of rice noodle (Guay-Jub) and rice vermicelli, and not less than 8.5% by weight for wheat noodle.
- (4) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.
- (5) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be hazardous to health.
- (6) *Escherichia coli* shall be found less than 3 per 1 g. of food by Most Probable Number Method.
- (7) Bacteria not more than 10,000 per 1 g. of wheat noodle and not more than 30,000 per 1 g. of noodle, a sheet of rice noodle (Guay-Jub), rice vermicelli and mung bean vermicelli.
- (8) Mold not more than 100 per 1 g. of food.

Clause 6. Flavour which is contained in sealed container of noodle, a sheet of rice noodle (Guay-Jub), wheat noodle, rice vermicelli and mung bean vermicelli, or flavour attached to container of noodle, a sheet of rice noodle (Guay-Jub), wheat noodle, rice vermicelli and mung bean vermicelli, shall be of the qualities or standards as follows:

- (1) Bacteria not more than 500,000 per 1 g. of food.
- (2) *Escherichia coli* shall be found less than 3 per 1 g. of food by Most Probable Number Method.
- (3) Mold not more than 500 per 1 g. of food.
- (4) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.
- (5) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be hazardous to health.

Clause 7. Kao Tom and Joke shall be of the qualities or standards as follows:

- (1) Free of rancid odour.

- (2) Moisture content not more than 10% by weight.
- (3) Protein not less than 8% by weight.
- (4) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.
- (5) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be

hazardous to health.

(6) *Escherichia coli* shall be found less than 3 per 1 g. of food by Most Probable Number Method.

- (7) Mold not more than 100 per 1 g. of food.

Clause 8. Broth and concentrated soup in cube, powdered form or dried form shall be of the qualities or standards as follows:

- (1) Free of rancid odour.

(2) Moisture content not more than 8% by weight, except broth and concentrated soup.

- (3) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.

(4) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be hazardous to health.

(5) *Escherichia coli* shall be found less than 3 per 1 g. of food by Most Probable Number Method.

- (6) Mold not more than 100 per 1 g. of food.

Clause 9. Curry and curry pastes shall be of the qualities or standards as follows:

- (1) Free of rancid odour.

- (2) Free of pathogenic micro-organisms.

(3) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be hazardous to health.

(4) *Escherichia coli* shall be found less than 3 per 1 g. of food by Most Probable Number Method.

- (5) Mold not more than 100 per 1 g. of food.

Clause 10. Usage of food additives shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Food additives.

Clause 11. Semi-processed Foods producers or importers for sales shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Production processes, production equipments and foods storages.

Clause 12. Usage of containers for semi-processed foods shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Containers.

Clause 13. Labels for semi-processed foods shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels.

Clause 14. Food Registration or Food Labelling, which are issued to follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 39 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribed semi-processeds food to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards, dated 13th September B.E. 2522 (1979), which is amended by the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 88 B.E. 2528 (1985), Re: Prescribed semi-processed foods to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards (No. 2), dated 17th May B.E. 2528 1985, prior to this notification, shall be valid for 2 years as from the come into force date of this notification.

Clause 15. Semi-processed Food producers or importers, whose permits issued prior to this notification, shall apply for food serial number within one year as from come into force date of this notification. After applying for food serial number, semi-processed food producers or importers shall be abated from stipulation in Clause 11 for a period of 2 years after this notification come into force. As a result, the remaining labels are allowed to be used until last but not exceeding to 2 years after this notification come into force.

Clause 16. This notification shall come into force after 180 days as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Notified on 19th September 2000

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Amendment of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Semi-instant Food.

	Old Notification	Unofficial New Notification	Reasons
1	By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6(1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979)	By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6(3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (10) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979)	To change from “Specific controlled food” to “Prescribing quality or standard food”
2	-	<p><u>Clause 1</u> The revocation of</p> <p>1.1 Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 39 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribing semi-instant food as specific controlled food</p> <p>1.2 Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 88 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribing semi-instant food (No. 2)</p>	For the purpose, new notification of Ministry of Public Health was completely forced.
3	<p><u>Clause 4</u> Containers as stipulated in clause 2 shall be</p> <p>(1) Clean</p> <p>.....</p> <p>(3)</p> <p><u>Clause 5</u> Usage of Food Additives shall follow to notification of the Ministry of Public Health, and</p>	Usage of Food Additives, Containers, Labels shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Food Additives, Containers and Labels, depend on each case.	To improve notification for clearness and standard as other notification in the same way.

	amendment of the notification or new notification.		
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