

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 223) B.E. 2544 (2001)

Re: Flavouring Agents.

It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels of flavouring agents.

By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 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 the notification as follows:

Clause 1. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 120 B.E. 2532 (1989), Re: Labelling of flavouring agents, dated 16th February B.E. 2532 (1989), shall be repealed.

Clause 2. Flavouring agents are foods which are required to bare labels.

Clause 3. Flavouring agents mean substances used for flavour or taste of food and shall be classified into 3 types as follows:

(1) Natural flavouring agent means agent for enchanting taste flavour which is physically derived from plants or animals normally used for human consumption.

(2) Imitate of natural flavouring agent means flavouring agent derived from chemically extraction or synthesized flavouring agent in which the extracted substances or synthesized shall be of the same chemical properties as of the natural products normally used for human consumption and shall mean to include imitate of natural flavouring agent which contain natural flavouring agent content as well.

(3) Synthesized flavouring agent means flavouring agent which is not discovered in natural product normally used for human consumption and mean to include synthesized flavouring agent which contain natural flavouring agent or imitate of natural flavouring agent.

Clause 4. Flavouring agent producers or importers for sale shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Production processes, production equipments and food storage.

Clause 5. **Labels** of flavouring agents shall follow to the followings:

(1) Follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels, except for Clause 3, 4 and 5 shall follow to this notification.

(2) Labels of flavouring agent for sale to consumers shall be expressed in Thai language texts but foreign language texts may also be shown. The labels shall declare details as follows:

(2.1) Names of food with accompanied declarations of “natural flavouring agent”, “imitate natural flavouring agent”, or “synthesized flavouring agent”.

(2.2) Food serial number.

(2.3) Purpose or beneficial of use and use instructions.

(2.4) Net quantity of food in metric system.

(2.4.1) For solid flavouring agent, net weight shall be expressed.

(2.4.2) For liquid flavouring agent, net volume shall be expressed.

(2.4.3) For semi-solid flavouring agent, either net weight or net volume shall be expressed.

(2.5) Names and addresses of producers or re-packers of flavouring agent which are produced within the country, names and addresses of importers and the country of producers of flavouring agent which is imported, as the case may be.

For flavouring agents which are produced within the country, names and addresses of head offices of producers or re-packers may be displayed.

(2.6) Types and quantities of colouring mixed in flavouring agent (if any).

(2.7) Instruction for storage (if any).

(2.8) Month and year of production; or date, month, and year of expiration for consumption; or date, month, and year in which food is in good qualities or standards, and shall be accompanied by declarations “manufacture”, or “expire”, or “consume before”, as the case may be.

The declarations, according to the first phrase, shall be respectively expressed by date, month, year as prescribed, in case of month may be expressed by alphabet.

(2.9) Declarations to be prescribed by the Food and Drug Administration (if any).

Clause 6. Labels of flavouring agent which is not intend to sell to consumer shall be expressed in Thai language, except for imported flavoring agent may be expressed in English language, but at least shall have the following declarations:

(1) Names of food shall be accompanied by declarations of “natural flavouring agent”, “imitate flavouring agent”, or “synthesized flavouring agent”, as the case may be.

(2) Food serial number.

(3) Net quantity of food in metric system.

(4) Names and addresses of producers or re-packers for flavouring agents which are produced within the country; names and addresses of importers and country of producers of flavouring agent which is imported, as the case may be.

For flavouring agents which are produced within the country, names and addresses of head offices of producers or re-packers may be declared.

(5) Month and year of production; or date, month, and year of expiration for consumption; or date, month, and year of food which is in good qualities or standards, shall be accompanied by declarations of "manufacture", or "expire", or "consume before", as the case may be.

The declarations, according to the first phrase, shall be respectively expressed of date, month, year as prescribed, in case of month may be expressed by alphabet.

(6) Declarations to be prescribed by the Food and Drug Administration (if any).

Clause 7. Food Labelling, which are issued to follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 120 B.E. 2532 (1989), Re: Labelling of flavouring agents, dated 16th February B.E. 2532 (1989), prior to this notification, shall be valid for 2 years as from the come into force date of this notification.

Clause 8. Taste flavouring agent producers or importers, whose permits issued prior to this notification, shall apply for food serial number within one year as from the come into force date of this notification. After applying for food serial number, the producers or importers shall be abated from the stipulation in Clause 4 for a period of 2 year 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 9. This notification shall come into force as from 24th July B.E. 2544 (2001).

Notified on 23th July 2001.

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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.