

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 228) B.E. 2544 (2001)

Re: Chewing Gum and Candy.

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It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels of chewing gum and candy.

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**Clause 1.** The following notifications shall be repealed:

(1) The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 96 B.E. 2528 (1985), Re: Labelling of chewing gum and candy, dated 30th September B.E. 2528 (1985).

(2) The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 131 B.E. 2533 (1990), Re: Labelling of chewing gum and candy (No. 2), dated 10th October B.E. 2533 (1990).

**Clause 2.** Chewing gum and candy are prescribed foods which are required to bare labels.

**Clause 3.** Chewing gum means product which are made from gum, of some typical kinds of wood, which is blended different flavouring and taste and give the elastic feeling when being chewed.

Candy means product for keeping in mouth or chewing which is taste flavoured with sugar as main ingredient and may contain other ingredients for taste flavouring too.

**Clause 4.** Labels of chewing gum and candy shall follow the followings:

(1) Follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: labels, except for Clause 3 to follow to this notification.

(2) Labels of chewing gum or candy for sale to consumers shall be expressed in Thai language but may accompany by foreign language, and shall have declarations as follows:

(2.1) Name of food.

(2.2) Food serial number.

(2.3) Names and addresses of producers or re-packers of chewing gum or candy which is produced within the country, names and addresses of importers and country of producers of chewing gum or candy, as the case may be.

For chewing gum or candy which are produced within the country, names and addresses of head office of producers or re-packers may also be expressed.

(2.4) Net weight of food shall be expressed in metric system.

(2.5) Sugar and/or artificial sweetener content shall be expressed as percentage by approximated weight in descending order.

(2.6) Declaration of "Utilize preservatives", if any.

(2.7) Declarations of "Utilize natural colouring", or "Utilize artificial colouring", as the case may be, if used.

(2.8) Declaration of "Utilize .....as artificial sweetener, if use (the blank is for names of artificial sweetener used) shall be expressed by alphabets size of not less than 2 mm. with contrast colour of alphabets and the background".

(2.9) Declarations of "Natural flavouring", "Imitate natural flavouring", "Artificial flavouring", "Natural taste", or "Imitate natural taste", as the case may be, if used.

(2.10) 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 accompany declared 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 alphabets.

(2.11) The declarations to be prescribed by the Food and Drug Administration, if any.

For labels which are attached, sticked, or expressed on the containers, or packages, or in direct contact to food, the Food and Drug Administration may also allow to express only declarations as stipulated in (2.1), (2.2), (2.3), (2.5) and (2.11).

**Clause 6.** Producers or importers of chewing gum or candy for sale shall follow to the notification of Ministry of Public Health, Re: Production processes, production equipments, and foods storages.

**Clause 7.** Food labelling approvals, which are issued to follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 96 B.E. 2528 (1985), Re: Chewing gum or candy, dated 30th September B.E. 2528 (1985); and No. 131 B.E. 2533 (1990), Re: Chewing gum and candy (No. 2), dated 10th

October B.E. 2533 (1990) prior to this notification, shall be valid for 2 years as from the come into force date of this notification.

**Clause 8.** Chewing gum or candy 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 6 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 9.** This notification shall come into force as from 24th July B.E. 2544 (2001).

Notified on 23rd July 2001.

Signed      Sudarat Keyurabhun  
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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.