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**Notification of the Ministry of Public Health**

**(No. 363) B.E 2556 (2013)**

**Re: Food Additives (No.2)**

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It deems appropriate to amend the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health; Re: Food Additives for benefit of consumer protection.

By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 in the first phase, and 6 (1)(2)(4)(5) (6) (7)(9) 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 33, Section 41, Section 43 and Section 45 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 texts shall be added as Clause 6/1 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18<sup>th</sup> August B.E. 2547 (2004).

“Clause 6/1 Use of Food Additives, producers shall follow not only Clause 6 but also shall provide evidence of details of food additives and instruction for use according to the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health; Re: Food Additives”

Clause 2. The following texts shall be added as Clause 8/1 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547 (2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18<sup>th</sup> August B.E. 2547 (2004).

“Clause 8/1 Producers or importers of Food Additives for sell shall present evidence or information which necessary for food producers to control their use to be complied with the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives.”

Clause 3. Clause 10 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18<sup>th</sup> August B.E. 2547 (2004) shall be repealed and replaced with the following text;

“Clause 10 Labelling of Food Additives shall be followed the Notification of Ministry of Public Health; Re: Label , except for labeling of Food Additives under Clause 3, Clause 4, Clause 5, and Clause 6 of the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 194) B.E 2543 (2000); Re: Label , dated 19<sup>th</sup> September B.E.2543 (2000) shall be as follows:

Label of Food additives shall be in Thai language and may also have foreign language and shall have the following particulars in clearly and legible manner;

(1) Name of food that attached with words “Food Additive” or Functional classes except for multifunctional food additive or mixed food additives shall be attached with “Food additives”

(2) Food Serial Numbers

(3) Name and address of manufacturer or packers for food additives that manufactured in this country or name and address of importer for imported food additives, as the case may be, name and address of head office of manufacturer or packer may be declared in case of locally manufactured food additives;

(4) Production lot or other text which traceability can be made;

(5) Net content of food additives in metric system;

(5.1) food additives in solid form declare by net weight,

(5.2) food additives in liquid form declare by net volume,

(5.3) food additives in semi solid form may declare by either net weight or net volume,

(5.4) Tablet or Capsule shall declare net weight and number of tablets or capsules,

(5.5) Other forms of food additives besides (5.1)-(5.4) shall declare in net weight.

(6) Month and Year of manufacturing date, month/year of expiration and shall be appeared with the following words “manufacturing.....” or “expired.....” or other texts which have the same meaning, but for food additives that have shelf life not more than 18 months, expiry date shall be declared by displaying text of “expired (specify month and year); or use other texts that have the same meaning such as “use by (specify month and year).”

(7) Ingredients shall declare ingredients which are food additives and other ingredients in the following orders

(7.1) Ingredients which are food additives, name and percentage of food additives shall be declared in descending order and name of the food additives shall be specific according to a latest version of Codex General Standard for Food Additives or the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health; Re: Food Additives and shall be appeared with International Numbering System (INS) for Food Additives, as the case maybe;

Food Additive which be sold to food manufacturers or used as raw materials in food processing and not sold directly to consumer or sold to food additive packer, may declare only name of food additives and International Numbering System (INS) for Food additives in a descending order.

(7.2) Other ingredients other than food additives, names of such ingredients shall be declared in a descending order;

In case of flavouring substances are mixed as other ingredients; the following texts may be declared “flavoring substance added” or “Natural flavor” or “Natural imitation flavor” or “Synthetic flavor” as the case maybe, instead of name of such flavoring substances, if other ingredients as spices or herbs, text of “spices” or “herb” may be declared, as the case maybe, instead of the name of such spices or herbs but exclude flavor modifiers.

(8) Instruction for use at least shall specify the following particulars which easy to understand and correct application;

(8.1) purpose of use;

(8.2) Food category

(8.3) limit of use

(9) Instruction for storage

(10) Limitation for use and warning statements, (if any)

Displaying of text in (1), (5) and (6) shall be in prominent position, in case of displaying text of (6) at bottomside of a container, text on label shall clearly indicate the position of month and year of manufacturing or month and year of expiration.

If food additives manufactured or imported for sale to food manufacturers to use as raw materials in food processing that are not directly sold to consumer or sold to food additive packers at least particulars in (1),(2),(3), (4),(5) and (6) shall be declared on label and shall have text of “raw material for food processing only” or other texts with the same meaning appeared on the label and may also have English language but if declaration of percentage of food additives as specified in (7.1) is made, such text can be omitted, however in manual or selling document shall have completely and prominent particulars in Thai as specified in Clause 10.

Clause 4. The following text shall be added as Clause 10/1 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives dated. 18<sup>th</sup> August B.E. 2547 (2004).

“Clause 10/1 Label of Food Additives manufactured for export can be displayed in any language but at least shall specify as follows:

(1) Country of manufacturing;

(2) Food Serial Numbers or Numbers of manufacturing establishments;

(3) Manufacturing lot by words of “Manufacturing lot” shall be appeared or other texts that traceability can be made;

Clause 5.Manufacturers or Importers of Food Additives, whom have been approved prior to this Notification comes into force, can prolong to use the former label but shall comply with this Notification within 1 years as from this Notification comes into force.

Clause 6. This Notification shall come into force after 90 days as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Notified on 23<sup>rd</sup> September B.E. 2556(2013)

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