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Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 372) B.E 2558 (2015)

Re: Food Additives (No.3)

It deems appropriate to revise criteria and conditions for labeling of food additives under the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health entitled “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), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1. Clause 10 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18th August B.E. 2547 (2004), which is amended by the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 363) B.E. 2556 (2013) Re: Food Additives (No.2), dated 23rd September B.E. 2556 (2013), shall be repealed and replaced with the following text;

“Clause 10 Labeling of food additives shall follow the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No.367) B.E.2557 (2014) Re: Labeling of Prepackaged Foods, dated 8th May B.E. 2557 (2014), except for Clause 4 and Clause 5 shall be declared 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 shall have text of “Food Additive” or Functional classes appeared together

(2) Food Serial Numbers

(3) Name and address of manufacturer or packers or importers or head office, as the case may be, as follows:

(3.1) Domestically produced food additives shall declare name and address of manufacturer or packer or name and address of head office of manufacturers or packers and shall have the following texts appeared together;

(3.1.1) Text of “Manufacturers” or “Manufactured by” in case of manufacturer;

(3.1.2) Text of “Packers” or “Packed by” in case of packer;

(3.1.3) Text of “Head office” in case of manufacturer or packer intends to display name and address of head office

(3.2) Food additives imported from foreign countries shall declare name and address of importer by having text of “importer” or “imported by” appeared together, and shall declare name and country of manufacturer.

(4) Manufacturing lot shall be declared by having text of “Manufacturing lot” appeared together or may display other text which traceability can be made.

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

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

(5.2) Food additives in liquid or semi-solid form may declare by either net weight or net volume,

(5.3) Food additives in tablet or capsule form shall declare by net weight and number of tablets or capsules,

(5.4) Other forms of food additives other than (5.1) - (5.3) shall declare by net weight.

(6) Month and year of manufacturing, or month and year of expiration shall be declared by having text of "Manufactured ... (specify month and year)" or "Expired ...(specify month and year)", or other statements with similar meaning appeared together. For food additives with shelf-life less than 18 months, expiry date shall be declared by having text of "Expired ... (specify month and year)" or other statements with similar meaning appeared together such as "Use by (specify month and year)". However, months can be declared either numbers or letters.

If declaration is not followed as specified in Para 1, clearly understandable texts or letters relating to method of such declaration appeared together shall be conveyed to consumer.

(7) Ingredients which are food additives and other ingredients shall be declared 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 specified 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;

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

In case of flavouring agents are mixed as other ingredients; the following texts may be declared "natural flavouring agent" or "natural imitated flavouring agent" or "synthetic flavouring agent" as the case maybe, instead of name of such flavoring agents, 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 bottom side of a container, text on label shall clearly indicate the position of month and year of manufacturing or month and year of expiration.

Clause 2. Clause 10/1 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18th August B.E. 2547 (2004), which is amended by the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 363) B.E. 2556 (2013) Re: Food Additives (No.2), dated 23rd September B.E. 2556 (2013), shall be repealed and replaced with the following text;

“Clause 10/1 Labeling of food additives, which are not directly sold to consumer or food vendors or sellers of food additives or food additive packers, the texts on label may be in Thai language or English language. if details are not specified in Clause 10 at least particulars in Clause 10 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) and (6) shall be declared together with one of these texts “raw materials for food processing only” or other statements with similar meaning; or the amount of additives in percentage on the label. However, manual or the documents relating to sale shall have completely and prominent particulars in Thai language as specified in Clause 10 (1) to (10).

As specified in Para 1, particularly in case of labeling of food additives derived from combining two or more kinds of food additives which are not directly sold to consumers or food vendors or sellers of food additives or food additive packers, there are 2 cases which may not require the declaration of the percentage of food additives as specified in Clause 10 (7.1) on the label or in the manual or in the documents relating to sale. These cases are indicated below:

(1) The manufacture or imports of food additives for use in their own food product; or

(2) The manufacture or imports of food additives for sale to food manufacturers with agreement to provide information of percentage of those food additives as specified in Clause 10 (7.1).

Clause 3. The following text shall be added as Clause 10/2 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives dated. 18th August B.E. 2547 (2004).

“Clause 10/2 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 food establishment or Name and address of manufacturing establishments, one or the other;

(3) Manufacturing lot by having text of “Manufacturing lot” appeared together or other text which traceability can be made.

Clause 4. This notification shall come into force as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

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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.