

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No.426) B.E 2564 (2021)

Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522

Re: Tea Infusion

It deems appropriate to revise the Notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding herbal tea in order to avoid overlapping with health products issued under the regulations for herbal product and to effectively protect consumer health

By the virtue of the provisions in the first phase of Section 5 and Section 6 (3)(4)(5)(6)(7) and (10) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1 The notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 280) B.E. 2547 (2004) Re: Herbal teas shall be repealed.

Clause 2. Tea infusion shall be food prescribed to have qualities or standards.

Clause 3 “Tea infusion” means products obtained from parts of plants that are processed by drying and may rough grinding or diminishing for consumption by boiling or infusing with water.

Clause 4 Plants stipulated in Clause 3 shall be in accordance with the list of plants and parts of plants used as raw materials for tea infusion in the annex of this notification and additional list issued by the Minister of Public Health.

Clause 5 Tea infusion shall be of the following qualities or standards:

- (1) The moisture content shall not be more than 10% by weight;
- (2) Pathogenic microorganisms shall follow the notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding prescribing the quality or standard, principles, conditions and methods of analysis for pathogenic microorganisms in foods;
- (3) Contaminants shall not be found in amount exceed the maximum levels specified in the notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding standard for contaminants in food;
- (4) Pesticide residues shall follow the notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding food containing pesticide residues;
- (5) Shall not contain any modern drugs or psychotropic substances or narcotics prescribed by the laws thereof, as the case may be;

(6) Usage of food additives shall follow the notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding food additives;

(7) Shall not be flavored with other substances except those plants specified in the list annexed to this notification or leaves, tips, and young stems of the plants in the Camellia Family.

Clause 6 Producers or Importers of tea infusion for sale shall follow the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Production Processes, Production Equipments and Food Storages.

Clause 7 Usage of tea infusion containers shall follow the Notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding containers.

Clause 8 Labeling of tea infusion shall follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Labeling of Prepackaged Foods and shall display warning statement specified in the list of plants and parts of plants used as raw materials for tea infusion in the annex of this notification.

Clause 9 Producers or importers of tea infusion as the following cases shall follow this notification within two years from the date of this notification come into force;

(1) Tea infusion which plants are in the list of plants and parts of plants used as raw materials for tea infusion are listed in the annex of this notification and are permitted for sale under the notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 280) B.E. 2547 (2004) Re: Herbal teas issued on 4th June B.E. 2547 (2004) prior to the date of this notification come into force.

(2) Tea infusion other than (1) which plants are in the list of plants and parts of plants used as raw materials for tea infusion are listed in the annex of this notification and are permitted for sale under the notification of Ministry of Public Health regarding Beverages in Sealed Container prior to the date of this notification come into force.

Clause 10 This Notification shall come into force as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette onwards.

Notified on 29th March B.E. 2564 (2021)

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Minister of Public Health

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the former will take priority.