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**Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration
Re: Certification of Production Premise for Food Importation**

Regarding Clause 3 of the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) Re: Production Processes, Production Equipments, and Foods Storages with the Amendment of the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 239) B.E. 2544 (2001) prescribing importer who imports prescribed food shall provide for Certification of Production Processes, Production Equipments, and Foods Storages which its criteria shall be not less than prescribed criteria in Annex of such Notification that has been effective since 24th July B.E. 2544 (2001), in order to make it clearer for implementation, the Food and Drug Administration prescribes guidelines for implementation as follows:

Clause 1 To repeal

(1) Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration Re: Certification of Production Premise for Food Importation under the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) dated 9th July B.E. 2544 (2001).

(2) Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration Re: Certification of Production Premise for Food Importation under the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) (Amendment No.2) dated 26th July B.E. 2544 (2001).

Clause 2 Certification shall specify criteria that to be complied with Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) or having details are equivalent to such Notification or either have one of the following food quality assurances;

- (1) General Principles of Food Hygiene of Codex;
- (2) Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System;
- (3) ISO Quality Management System
- (4) Other criteria or systems that equivalent to (1) to (3)

Clause 3 Certification under Clause 2 shall be original, if original certificate cannot be provided, a copied certificate which has been certified by an agency that issued the certification or by the Embassy of manufacturing countries in Thailand or a Government agency or officially authorized individual such as Notary Public.

If a certificate is made in other languages, a translated document in Thai or English which is certified by Royal Thai Embassy in the country of manufacturers or by the Embassy of the manufacturers' countries in Thailand or a Government Agency or by private translation agency having international standards qualification shall be attached with its certificate.

Clause 4 An agency who can issue the certificate regarding in Clause 3 may be a government agency of manufacturers' countries or an officially certified agency or an Embassy of Manufacturers' countries in Thailand or an international certified body.

Clause 5 The certificate regarding in Clause 2 shall specify validation of such certificate except for having an evidence from an agency that certifies such production premise still valid as regarding in Clause 2 or if a certified body issues a certificate for the production premise by specifying only date month and year of issuance, such certificate will has only one year valid from the day of issuance.

Clause 6 Certificates that have been issued regarding to Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration Re: Certification of Production Premise for Food Importation under the Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) dated 9th July B.E. 2544 (2001) and the Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration Re: Certification of Production Premise for Food Importation under Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) (Amendment No.2) dated 26th July B.E. 2544 (2001) still be effective as it is not contradicted with this Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration.

This announcement shall come into force as from the day following date of its announcement in the Government Gazette onwards.

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