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Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 287) B.E. 2547 (2004)

Re: Infant Foods and Follow-up Formula Foods for Infants and Young Children (No.3)

In order to support the prevention of dental caries and obesity in children that can have an effect on health in later period of life from consuming sweet foods since the age of infancy.

By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6(2) (4) (5) 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 39, 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 texts in 4.6 of Clause 4 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 157 (B.E. 2537) Re: Infant Foods and Follow-up Formula Foods for Infants and Young Children date 14th October B.E. 2537 shall be repealed and replaced with this following texts:

“4.6 Sugars, honey, and any other sweeteners shall not be used, except

(a) Addition of lactose or addition of carbohydrates other than sugars which have the sweetness equal to or less than lactose.

(b) Infant foods and follow-up formula foods for infants and young children that shall be used for feeding infants or young children with abnormal digestive system or malabsorption or allergy to certain nutrients as approved by the Food and Drug Administration.”

Clause 2. The following statement shall be added as (c) of 11.2.10 and 11.2.11 of Clause 11 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 156 (B.E. 2537) Re: Infant Foods and Follow-up Formula Foods for Infants and Young Children dated 14th October B.E. 2537.

“(c) The statement “Sugars, honey and any other sweeteners should not be added since they may lead to dental caries and obesity in infants and young children” with alphabets height of not smaller than two millimeter. The said statement shall be legible and be in the proximity of other warning statements.”

Clause 3. Manufacturers and importers of Infant foods and follow-up formula foods for infants and young children that have been registered shall apply for amendment in accordance with this Notification within 180 days from the date this Notification comes into force. The existing labels are allowed to be used for not more than 1 year as from the date this Notification comes into force.

Clause 4. This notification shall come into force after 90 days as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Notified on 11th November B.E. 2547 (2004)

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Minister of Public Health

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