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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** - |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Cleaning or sanitizing products for food production and products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X] All trading partners**  **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft MOPH Notification (No…) B.E… (…) issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522, entitled "Cleaning or sanitizing products for food production and products". **Language(s):** Thai. **Number of pages:** 8  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/THA/18_6336_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** It is deemed appropriate to establish a regulation to control the usage of chemicals in food production or directly in contact with food products in order to eliminate or reduce quantity of biological, chemical, and physical hazards contamination for the safety of consumers. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) therefore proposes the draft Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No…) B.E… (…) issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979) regarding cleaning or sanitizing products for food and its production to establish the quality and safety requirements including terms of use.  Key points of this notification are as follows:  Clause 1. Cleaning or sanitizing products for using in food shall be specific controlled food under the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 281) B.E. 2547 (2004) Re: Food Additives dated 18 August.  Clause 2. The definition of "cleaning or sanitizing products for food production and products" means food additives intently used as processing aid for washing, cleaning, eliminating or reducing quantity of biological, chemical, and physical hazards contaminated in food products.  Clause 3. The products in this draft notification are categorized into three types according to the purpose of usage as follows:  (3.1) Cleaning products  (3.2) Sanitizing products  (3.3) Cleaning and sanitizing products  Clauses 4 to 6. The products in this draft notification shall be complied with the following quality and safety requirements:  Composition of the products, i.e. active ingredients, food additives, flavouring agents and other ingredients shall not be hazardous or harmful to health and shall have the qualities or standards according to the criteria specified in this draft notification. For the products which contain more than two contaminants, the requirements are as follows:   * Arsenic not more than 3 mg/kg; * Lead not more than 10 mg/kg.   The usage of active ingredients and conditions shall be complied with permitted list as shown in Annex. Quality and safety requirements of cleaning products consisting of surfactant for washing vegetables and fruits are specified.  Clause 7. Labelling requirements for the products in this draft notification shall be complied with the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 281) B.E. 2547 (2004) Re: Food Additives dated 18 August, and the following particulars shall be declared on the label, such as name of food, using instruction (including product preparation and direction for removing from food), precautionary statements, and first-aid measures, etc.  Clause 8. The usage of active ingredients besides specified in the Annex of this draft notification shall be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Thailand in advance. Manufacturers or importers shall submit the document for safety assessment as specified in the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 281) B.E. 2547 (2004) Re: Food Additives dated 18 August.  Clause 9. Manufacturers or importers of the cleaning or sanitizing products for food production and products shall follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000), Re: Production Processes, Production Equipment, and Foods Storages dated 19 September.  Clause 10. The product containers shall follow the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 92) B.E. 2528 (1985) Re: Prescription of Quality or Standard for Food Containers, Use of Food Containers and Prohibition of Materials Used as Food Containers dated 19 July.  Clause 11. This notification shall come into force from the day following date of its publication in the Thai Royal Gazette. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**   1. The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 92) B.E. 2528 (1985), Re: Prescription of Quality or Standard for Food Containers, Use of Food Containers and Prohibition of Materials Used as Food Containers dated 19 July 2. The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000), Re: Production Processes, Production Equipment and Food Storages dated 19 September 3. The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 281) B.E. 2547 (2004), Re: Food Additive dated 18 August |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** On the date after being notified in the Thai Royal Gazette.  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 9 February 2019  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X] National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS)  50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao  Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900  Thailand  Tel: +(662) 561 4024  Fax: +(662) 561 4034  E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com  Website: <http://www.acfs.go.th> |
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