

(Draft)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

Re: Food Additive (No.2)

It deems appropriate to establish the standard of food additives labelling to get benefit and have appropriate measures to protect consumer's health.

By virtue of the provision of Section 6(1) (2) (4) (5) (6) (7) (9) and (10) of the Food Act (B.E. 2522 (1979)), which restricts personal rights and liberties in conjunction with sections 29, 33, 41, 43, and 45 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand. The Minister of Public Health issues the notification as follows:

(1) Clause 10 of the Notification of MOPH No. 281 B.E. 2547 (2004) on Food Additives dated 18 August 2004 shall be replaced by the following. "Clause 10 Labeling of food additives shall follow the Notification of MOPH concerning the label. Exception is made for labelling of food additives in accordance with Article 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the MOPH's notification (No. 194) BE 2543 (2000) on Label dated 19 September 2000, which shall comply with the notification of food additives (No. 2)."

(2) The labeling of food additives must have a text in Thai language (may accompany with foreign text). It must contain a clear and readable details as follow;

(2.1) Name of food, marked by the word "food additives"

(2.2) Food serial number

(2.3) Name and address of manufacturer or packer for food additives produced in the country including name and headquarters of the manufacturer or packer, name and address of importing and producing countries for imported food additives.

(2.4) Lot identification by the word "Lot No." or marked with other text that can be traceable

(2.5) The net contents shall be declared in metric (Système International Units)

(2.5.1) for solid food additives, by weight;

(2.5.2) for liquid food additives, by volume;

(2.5.3) for semi-solid or viscous food additives, either by weight or volume;

In case those food additives are in form of Tablet or Capsule number of tablets must be shown.

(2.6) The components of food shall be displayed as follows,

(2.6.1) For the main component, The common name of food additives must be shown.

In addition, the quantity of food additives must be given and listed by weight in descending order.

The common name of notification of food additives must be shown in a specific name, according to CODEX's general standard for food additives or the Ministry of Public Health on Food additives.

Number must be provided and be in accordance with International Numbering System (INS) for food Additives

In case food additives are in the same group of Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI), it could be displayed as a group of food additives such as Benzoate accompanied with its INS No. Total amount of food additives in the group could be represented instead.

Approach in the first paragraph does not apply to those sales to manufacturers which provide evidence that the amount of main component be treated as trade secrets under the Trade

Secrets Act 2545 (2002). However, the amount of main component must be listed in the manual or documentation.

(2.6.2) For other component, the name of food ingredients shall be declared in the list of ingredients in descending order of proportion.

(2.7) Month and year of manufacture, or month and year of expiration must be labeled accordingly. "Manufactured ... (specify the month and year)..." or " expired ... (specify the month and year)..."

Food additives with a shelf-life not exceeding 18 months shall carry the date of minimum durability using words such as "will keep at least until" or other messages that are in the same meaning

(2.8) The adequate information of directions for use should be given and at least cover the following.

(2.8.1) Functional of food additives

(2.8.2) Food type

(2.8.3) Amount of food additives used.

(2.9) Instructions for storage

(2.10) restrictions on use and warnings or cautions (if any).

Message displayed in (2.1) (2.5) and (2.7) must be in the position that can be seen clearly.

If the message in (2.7) is shown at the bottom of the container, instruction must be provided on the label.

The labeling of food additives above does not apply to those production for export.

(3) Labeling of food additives produced for export will be displayed in any language, but at least requires such information,

(3.1) producing countries.

(3.2) a food serial number or the identification of the producing factory.

(3.3) Lot identification by the word "Lot No." or marked with other text that can be traceable

(4) The importer and manufacturer of the food additives whom are previously permitted before the enforcement of this notification have to comply with this announcement. The remain label could still be used but more than one year from the effective date of this announcement.

(5) This Notification will be effective on 90 days after its announcement in the Royal Gazette.