Unofficial summary

Draft MOPH Notification, B.E, entitled “The Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods (No.2)”

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) considered that it was appropriated to amend some requirements under the MOPH Notification (No.367) B.E. 2557 (2014) in order to enhance trade facilitation as follow:

Ingredient (last paragraph of clause 4)

Declaration of percentage of food ingredient for food labelling shall be exempted in case such food are sold directly to food manufacturers or used as raw materials in food processing, however, the declaration of such percentage shall be legible displayed in sale document. In case of food manufactured or imported for use in their own food product (or the same trademark of such manufactures or imports) or food manufactured or imported for sale to food manufacturers with agreement to provide information of percentage of food, the declaration of percentage of food ingredient shall be exempt in both food labelling and sale document.

Allergen (clause 4(6))

Information for allergen shall be labeled by either “contain..........” or “may contain...........” in red bold alphabets in white background frame. The declaration of allergen information shall be exempt for following food:

1) wheat-based glucose syrups including dextrose;
2) wheat-based maltodextrins;
3) glucose syrups based on barley;
4) alcohol distillated from cereals;
5) fish gelatine used as carrier for vitamin or carotenoid preparations;
6) fully refined soybean oil and fat;
8) vegetable oils derived phytosterols and phytosterol esters from soybean sources;
9) plant stanol ester produced from vegetable oil sterols from soybean sources;
10) lactitol from milk and milk products.

Food additive (clause 4(7))

Shall be label “food additive” for food additive other than color, food enhancer, food preservative, and sweetener together with specific names or with International Numbering System: INS for Food Additives

Date marking (clause 4(10) and clause 4/1)

Display date/month and year by appeared together with “should consume by” or “Expiration Date”. After the date of “should consume by” or “Expiration Date”, such food cannot be marketable.

The Labelling Claim (Clause 11)

The labelling claim shall not be used for prohibited foods as indicated in the MOPH Notification or substances which doesn’t naturally occur in food except specified by MOPH Notification.

Font size (Clause 14)

Item 14 (3)(3.2) shall be repealed. The nutrients displayed on labelling, Nutrition Labeling, GDA Labeling must be marked using font size at least 1 mm

Date of entry into force: after it is notified in the Government Gazette, except item 14(4) shall come into force after 2 years as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.