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Notification of the Committee on Labels

Re : Determination of the Hygienic Mask as Label-Controlled Products

The current germ epidemic necessitates the production or importation of masks for sale to consumers for use as a device to prevent or filter small particles of dust, pollen, fog, and smoke in daily life. There are an increasing number of options such as dust masks, carbon masks, and so on. The business operators use the message on the product label to show the properties of the product, in the form of messages that claim to have antimicrobial properties. In order to provide consumers with complete information to help them make purchasing decisions and to protect consumers' rights, therefore, it is appropriated to prescribe the hygienic mask as a label-controlled products.

By virtue of sections 30 and 31 of the Consumer Protection Act B.E. 2522 (1979), as amended by the Consumer Protection Act (No. 2), B.E. 2541 (1998), the Committee on Labels hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1. In this notification

"Hygienic mask" means a mask made from various materials that is used to cover the nose and mouth in order to prevent or filter small particles of dust, pollen, fog, and smoke, including a mask with the same objective, but does not include medical masks under the medical device law.

Clause 2. Determination of the hygienic mask as label-controlled products.

Clause 3. The label of label-controlled products according to Clause 2 shall be specified the statement, figure, artificial mark, or image as appropriate, depending on the case. But such statement must be true, does not cause misunderstandings about the essence of the product, and must be in Thai language or foreign language accompanied by the Thai language in order to clarify the meaning of the figure, artificial mark, or image that can be clearly visible and legible. In this regard, it must be in accordance with Clause 4.

The provisions of the above paragraph does not apply to the labels of label-controlled products manufactured for export and not for sale in Thailand.

Clause 4...

Clause 4. The labels of label-controlled products must be specified as follows:

- (1) The name of the category or type of product that can be understood what the product is.
- (2) The name or trademark registered in Thailand of a manufacturer for sale in Thailand.
- (3) The name or trademark registered in Thailand of an ordered entrepreneur or importer of products to the Kingdom for sale.
- (4) The name of the product's manufacturing country that ordered or imported to the Kingdom for sale.
- (5) The location of a manufacturer for sale or an ordered entrepreneur or importer of products to the Kingdom for sale.
- (6) Displaying the size, dimension, quantity, volume or weight of the product by case, for the unit of measure may be used the full name or abbreviation or symbol.
- (7) The components of a hygienic mask.
- (8) The type of materials used in the filter.
- (9) The number of filter layers.
- (10) The message that "Hygienic Masks are not for Medical Use or Non-Medical Mask."
- (11) Displaying the method and purpose of use in order that consumers are able to accurately understand the method of use.
- (12) The usage or storage instructions for consumers to properly use the product such as single use, should not be reuse unless it is a mask that is manufactured and can be reuse.
- (13) Warnings or contraindications in order for consumers to use the product safely. For example, masks should only be used by one person and not be shared with others. However, the aforementioned statement must be larger than other letters and must use a contrasting color with the background color. It must be able to be clearly visible and legible, different from other statements.
- (14) The day, month, and year of manufacture unless the exact day, month, and year of manufacture cannot be clearly stated, specify only the week and year of manufacture, or the month and year of manufacture to understand the benefits of the quality or properties of the product.
- (15) The day, month, and year of expiration or day, month, and year that should be used before. Unless the expiration day, month and year cannot be clearly stated, specify only the week and year of expiration, or month and year of expiration to understand the benefits of quality, or properties of that product
- (16) The price of which unit is specified in Baht and may also be specified in other currencies

The contents of the product label must be clearly visible and legible.

The size of the font used must be related to the size of the label area. The height of the letters must not be less than 2 millimeters, except in the case of labels with an area of less than 35 square centimeters, the height of the letters must not be less than 1.5 millimeters.

Clause 5. In the case that the label of a label-controlled product (as specified in Clause 3 and Clause 4) cannot be properly displayed in one location, then any statement, figure, artificial mark, or image can be displayed on the product or container or packaging or inserted or included with the product or container or packaging. Also, it can be displayed in documents or manuals for used in conjunction with products. But when including labeling everywhere, it must be clearly visible and legible unless the product label specified in Clause 4 (10) must be displayed on the product or container or packaging.

Clause 6. This notification shall come into force after ninety days from the date of publication in the Government Gazette onwards.

Given on (Date) of (Month) (B.E.)

(Signed)

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