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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b> -
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> The Office of Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA) <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Edible fats and Oils (ICS 67.200.10)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification, No. ... B.E. ....(....) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 entitled "Edible Fats and Oils" (No.2).; (2 page(s), in Thai)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) considered that existing Notifications of Ministry of Public Health (No.421) B.E 2564 (2021) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Edible oils and fats should be improved the measure for approving the qualities or standards of fats and oils as specified in this notification which have differences in the chemical and physical characteristics, and fatty acid composition of oils as specified in this notification in order to protect consumer health, support the diversity of raw material in the future as well as to facilitate trade as follows:  "The following texts shall be added as Clause 6/1 of Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.421) B.E 2564 (2021) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Edible oils and fats, dated 11th January B.E. 2564(2021)  Clause 6/1 In case chemical and physical characteristics or fatty acid composition of oils are not consistent with requirement in 6(3) or (4) as specified in this notification because of breed, geographical features (area), season, cultivation, farming or culture of raw materials that are the source of oils and fats which does not affect safety, information or evidences of raw materials used to produce oil and fat, the data of chemical and physical characteristics, fatty acid composition of oils and fats and research document or academic document information shall be submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for an approval."
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer information, labelling

**8. Relevant documents:**

1. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Standard of Foods contained contaminants;
2. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Standards for Pathogenic Microorganisms in Food;
3. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Food additives;
4. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Containers;
5. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Production processes, production equipment and foods storages;
6. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health regarding Labeling of Prepackaged Foods, etc.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined.

**Proposed date of entry into force:** On the date after being notified in the Official Gazette.

**10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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