NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA)**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:**  |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other [****]:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Food in general (ICS Code: 67.040) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft MOPH Notification, B.E. ..., entitled " Genetically Modified Foods (GMFs)" (34 page(s), in Thai) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** In order to ensure the high level of protection of human health and consumer's concerns while providing fair marketing, Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) is proposing the draft notification on Genetically Modified Foods. This notification set the control measures for Food containing or consisting of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) or produced from GMOs including plants, animals and microorganisms; 1. Prescribed foods containing or produced from GMOs (Genetically Modified Foods; GMFs) have not undergone food safety assessment yet which are prohibited to be produced, imported or sold in the country. Then, new GMFs other than those lists in Annex I must be evaluated by the risk assessors agency recognized by FDA in Thailand.2. Annex I shows the list of Genetically Modified Plants that have passed food safety assessment by the risk assessors agency recognized by FDA in Thailand.3. Products consisting of or containing Genetically Modified Microorganisms which are capable of multiplication or of transferring genes (e.g. live starter cultures) are prohibited for use as food.4. Data and Information required for food safety assessment of  GMOs for food use or food are provided in; 4.1 Annex II: food safety assessment of foods containing or produced from Genetically Modified Plants4.2 Annex III: food safety assessment of foods containing or produced from Genetically Modified Microorganisms and4.3 Annex VI: food safety assessment of foods containing or produced from Genetically Modified Animals. 5. The Applicant shall submit the method of analysis and also the reference material to the competent laboratory for the detection and identification of the transformation event in the food and/or in foods produced from it.6. Labelling requirement for GMFs have been stated in the MoPH Notification Re: Labelling for pre-packaged foods and in the draft of MoPH Notification Re: Labelling for Genetically modified Foods.7. An importer of GMFs are required to bear certified document or evidences show that GMFs have passed a food safety assessment in the country.8. Foods containing or consisting of Genetically Modified Plants which are not included in Annex I and on the market before the enforcement of this notification shall submit information for food safety assessment within five years from the date of entry into force of this notification9. Once a GMFs has been authorised, it shall re-assessed if there are any adverse effect occurs or there are new scientific evidence show the significant effect on health of the approved GMFs.10. This notification shall come into force on 90th day after being notified in the Royal Gazette. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 1) Guideline For The Conduct Of Food Safety Assessment Of Foods Derived From Recombinant-DNA Plants (CAC/GL 45-2003).2) Guideline For The Conduct Of Food Safety Assessment Of Foods Produced Using Recombinant-DNA Microorganisms (CAC/GL 46-2003).3) Guideline For The Conduct Of Food Safety Assessment Of Foods Derived From Recombinant DNA Animals (CAC/GL 68-2008). |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** 90 days 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:** National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS)50 Phaholyothin Road, LadyaoChatuchak, Bangkok 10900ThailandTel: +(662) 561 4204Fax: +(662) 561 4034E-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/THA/19_3774_00_x.pdf> |