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:** The Office of 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):** Cocoa bean products (incl. Cocoa butter, Cocoa mass or Cocoa liquor, Cocoa powder and Cacao powder (HS code 1804, 1805 ICS Code: 67.140.30) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) Notification, No. … B.E. …. (....) issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 entitled "Cocoa bean products" (3 page(s), in English; 3 page(s), in Thai) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The MOPH proposes to establish the draft of MOPH Notification entitled "Cocoa bean products" for the purposes of consumer health protection, consumer information or labelling, qualities and standards requirements and trade facilitation. Main elements of the draft of MOPH notification are as follows:  1. Prescribing definition of Cocoa butter, Cocoa mass or Cocoa liquor, Cocoa powder and Cacao powder.  2. Prescribing qualities and standards of Cocoa bean products (incl. Cocoa butter, Cocoa mass or Cocoa liquor, Cocoa powder and Cacao powder); use of food additives or processing aids or flavouring agents; production processes, production equipment and food storages; usage package or containers; including labelling  3. Prescribing producers or importers of Cocoa bean products for sale, whose permits issued prior to the date of this notification come into force, can prolong to produce or import for sale, including seller can sell the former products, but not exceed two years from the date of this notification come into force.  4. This notification shall enter into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.  This regulation has been notified as SPS Notification. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  1. STANDARD FOR COCOA BUTTER [CODEX STAN 86 - 1981]  2. STANDARD FOR COCOA POWDERS (COCOAS) AND DRY MIXTURES OF COCOA AND SUGARS [CODEX STAN 105 - 1981]  3. STANDARD FOR COCOA (CACAO) MASS (COCOA/CHOCOLATE LIQUOR) AND COCOA CAKE [CODEX STAN 105- 1983] |
| **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:**  National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4024 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: [spsthailand@gmail.com](mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com) Websites: <http://www.acfs.go.th;> <http://www.spsthailand.net/>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/THA/22_1485_00_x.pdf> <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/THA/22_1485_00_e.pdf> |