

Draft Regulations Governing the Product Names and Labeling of Prepackaged Butter, Cream, Margarine and Related Products

Article 1

The Regulations are prescribed in accordance with the provision of Subparagraphs 10 of Paragraph 1 of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation Article 22.

Article 2

The product names and labeling of prepackaged butter, cream, margarine and related products shall meet the following definition.

1. Butter : A product containing edible butter made from fat-containing products of dairy derivatives through sterilization, agitation and refinement with at least 80% of milkfat.
2. Cream : A product containing fat physically separated from the milk and processed into a product in the form of an emulsion of fat-in-skimmed milk, staying in a liquid state if kept above the freezing temperature, and having milkfat content between 10% and 80%.
3. Margarine :
 - (1) Margarine is a fat-containing product in a plastic and liquid state, made from a blend of edible fats, oils, water and legal food additives, modified by the process of emulsification, chilling and kneading, or with the absence of chilling and kneading; moreover, the product must contain at least 35% of fat.
 - a. If fat content of product is up to 80% or more, the name of it shall be "margarine".
 - b. If fat content of product is more than 60% but less than 80%, the name of it shall be "medium fat margarine".
 - c. If fat content of product is more than 35% but less than 60%, the name of it shall be "low fat margarine".
 - (2) The words that are recognized as vegetable butter shall not appear on the packages of the products.

4. A fat-containing product in a plastic and liquid state, made from a blend of edible fats, oils, water and legal food additives, modified by the process of emulsification, chilling and kneading, or with the absence of chilling and kneading; moreover, the product contain more than 10% but less than 35% of fat. The name of product shall be “fat spread” or words related to the nature thereof, usage, and its function. The words that are recognized as vegetable butter shall not appear on the packages or be included in the name of the products.