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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: The Office of Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Food Additives (No.4): Steviol glycoside (ICS Code: 67.220)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Draft MOPH Notification , B.E..., entitled " Food Additives (No.4): Steviol glycoside " Language(s): Thai Number of pages: 8 http://members.wto.org/cnattachments/2012/sps/THA/12_4623_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This draft notification prescribes the following: Clause 1. The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 262 B.E. 2545 (2002), Re: Stevioside and Foods Containing Stevioside, dated 26 September B.E. 2545 (2002), shall be repealed; Clause 2. Steviol glycosides are food additives; Clause 3. Steviol glycosides are purified extracts of <i>Stevia rebaudiana</i> Bertoni. Associated glycosides include rebaudioside B, rebaudioside C, rebaudioside D, rebaudioside F, dulcoside A, rubusoside and steviolbioside; Clause 4. Producers or importers of food for sale shall follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 281 B.E. 2547 (2004), dated 6 September B.E. 2547 (2004), Re: Food Additives, except for Clauses 4 and 6 thereof which shall follow Clauses 5 and 6 of this draft MOPH notification; Clauses 5 to 6. Food items under clause 3 in this draft notification shall comply with the following qualities and standards: (1) Qualities or standards, i.e. Chemical name, Chemical formula, Description, Identification, Purity, Packaging and Storage; (2) The types of food and quantities of Steviol glycosides shall comply with the Annex of this notification.

<p>Clause 7. Producers or importers of food as stipulated in clause 3, whose food serial number permitted under the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 262 B.E. 2545 (2002), Re: Stevioside and Foods Containing Stevioside, dated 26 September B.E. 2545 (2002) prior to this draft notification come into force, shall follow this draft notification and the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 281 B.E. 2547 (2004), dated 18 November B.E. 2547 (2004) within one year after the draft notification came into force;</p> <p>Foods containing stevioside for person who wishes to control weight under the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 121 B.E. 2532 (1989), Re: weight control food, shall follow this draft notification within one year after this draft notification came into force;</p> <p>Clause 8. This draft notification is effective on the day after its announcement in the Government Gazette.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) General Standard for Food Additives; CODEX STAN 192-1995</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The MOPH Notification No. 262 (B.E. 2545) (2002) entitled "Stevioside and Foods Containing Stevioside" (available in Thai)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): On the date after being notified in the National Gazette.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 February 2013

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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