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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THAILAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration (Thai FDA)
<b>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):</b> Food products in general (ICS Code: 67.040)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft MOPH Notification, No. ... B.E. ...., entitled "Re: Food Containing Pesticide Residues (No.3)". <b>Language(s):</b> Thai. <b>Number of pages:</b> 1 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_3280_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/THA/20_3280_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to protect human health and environment, Thai government by the Ministry of Industry going to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos and paraquat that will take effect on 1 June 2020, which has been circulated in G/TBT/N/THA/567. Therefore, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) proposes to revise Annex 1, List of hazardous substance type 4 (banned pesticide), and Annex 2, Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs), of Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, No. 387 (B.E. 2560) (2017) Re: Food Containing Pesticide Residues, issued on 18 August 2017.  This revised MOPH Notification shall be called the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, No. ... B.E. ...., entitled "Re: Food Containing Pesticide Residues (No.3)", which are amended as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Add certain pesticides defined as hazardous substance type 4 under the Hazardous Substance Act B.E. 2535 (1992) in the annex 1 of the Notification of MOPH, No. 387, namely Chlorpyrifos, Chlorpyrifos-methyl, Paraquat, Paraquat dichloride, Paraquat [bis (methyl sulphate)] or paraquat methosulfate.</li><li>2. Delete the Maximum Residue Limit (MRLs) for the aforementioned pesticides in food from annex 2 of the MOPH Notification No. 387 which the amounts of pesticide residues in food shall be less than the limit of detection or not be detected.</li><li>3. Manufacturers and importers who produce or import food products prior to 1 June 2020 can refer to the MRLs for such pesticides in annex 2 of the MOPH Notification, No. 387 or Codex MRLs but shall comply with the new requirement within 30 days as from the date on which this Notification comes into force.</li><li>4. This draft notification shall come into force after the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.</li></ol>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p> <p>To comply with the notification of Ministry of Industry Re: list of hazardous substance type 4 under the Hazardous Substance Act B.E. 2535 (1992) which going to prohibit of the importation, distribution, sale and purchase based on scientific information that these products can be harmful to humans (especially the farmer that cause adverse effect as a result of direct exposure) and the environment include contamination of water resources and soil that may lead to disruption of ecosystem functions. Moreover, according to the Notification of MOPH, No. 387, the requested MRLs for all hazardous substance type 4 are set at the lower the limit of determination (LOD).</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, No. 387 (B.E. 2560) (2017) Title : Food Containing Pesticide Residues, issued on 18th August 2017 (available in Thai and English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> The day after its publication in the Royal Thai Government Gazette. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 days from the date of circulation of the notification. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4204 Fax: +(662) 561 4034 E-mail: <a href="mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com">spsthailand@gmail.com</a> Websites: <a href="http://www.acfs.go.th">http://www.acfs.go.th</a> <a href="http://www.spsthailand.net/">http://www.spsthailand.net/</a></p>

**13. Text(s) available from:  National Notification Authority,  National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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