



NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), Ministry of Industry 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: WTO/TBT Enquiry Point and Notification Authority Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), Ministry of Industry Tel.: (662) 202 3504, 202 3523 Fax: (662) 202 3511, 354 3041 E-mail: thaitbt@tisi.mail.go.th Website: http://www.tisi.go.th
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): Plastic utensils for food
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Ministerial Regulation on Plastic Utensils for Food - Part 1 Polyethylene, Polpropylene, Polystyrene, Poly(Ethlene Terephthalate), Poly(Vinyl Alcohol) and Poly(Methyl Pentene) (TIS 655 Part 1-2553(2010)) (17 page(s), in Thai)
6. Description of content: The draft ministerial regulation mandates plastic utensils for food to conform with the standard for Plastic Utensils for Food - Part 1 Polyethylene, Polpropylene, Polystyrene, Poly(Ethlene Terephthalate), Poly(Vinyl Alcohol) and Poly(Methyl Pentene) (TIS 655 Part 1-2553(2010)). This standard covers plastic containers and utensils in contact with food, single-use or reusable, made from single material or multiple materials, single layer or multiple layers used for prepare, storage or consume, and includes composition of container in contact with food e.g. cap, space, or inner cap. This standard separates plastic utensils by usability in 3 conditions i.e. high temperature, normal temperature and chilling temperature. It classifies plastic utensils for food by types of plastics into 6 types i.e. polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, poly(ethylene terephthalate), poly (vinyl alcohol) and poly (methyl pentene). This standard specifies general requirements e.g. resistance to temperature, odor and taste, resistance to impact, safety requirements. It also includes packaging, marking and labeling, sampling and criteria for conformity and testing.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety

8. Relevant documents:

- JIS S 2029:2002 (Reaffirmed 2007) Plastics table wares
- TIS 619-2519 : Pressure sensitive adhesive crepe masking tapes
- TIS 656-2529 : Methods of analysis for plastics products used for food contact
- TIS 1310-2538 : Symbols for recycling plastics
- Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 295) B.E. 2548 (2005) Re: Qualities or standard for container made from plastic

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined**10. Final date for comments:** 15 July 2021**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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