NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** THAILAND  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** 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 in general (ICS code: 67.040) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[X] All trading partners**  **[ ] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification (MOPH), No. ... B.E. ..., entitled "Import requirements and conditions for food with risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy". **Language(s):** Thai and English. **Number of pages:** 9 and 10  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/THA/24_04643_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/THA/24_04643_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** For consumer protection, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH Notification concerning import requirements and conditions for food with risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. The main elements of the draft notification are as follows:   1. The MOPH Notification (No. 377) B.E. 2559 (2016) entitled "Re: Designation of Requirements and Conditions for Import Food with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy", dated 11 July 2016, is repealed and replaced by this (Draft) MOPH Notification; 2. It classifies the BSE risk status of the bovine population of a country, zone or compartment into three categories according to the WOAH criteria, as follows:  * Category 1: Negligible BSE risk Country; * Category 2: Controlled BSE risk Country; and * Category 3: Undetermined BSE risk Country;   The list of the countries or regions prescribed in the list annexed to this (Draft) MOPH Notification;   1. It describes the definitions of "Meat", "Fresh Meat" and "Meat products" the same as described in the MOPH Notification (No. 377) and adds the definition of "Import checkpoint"; 2. It revises the import requirements for fresh meat and meat products for human consumption into Thailand according to the WOAH criteria.   This notification shall come into force on the following date after its publication in the Government Gazette. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** WOAH - Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2023: Chapter 11.4 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[X] Yes [ ] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** The MOPH Notification (No. 377) B.E. 2559 (2016) entitled "Re: Designation of Requirements and Conditions for Import Food with Risk from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy" (available in Thai and English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** The day after its publication in the Royal Thai Government Gazette.  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 September 2024  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (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 4204  Fax: +(662) 561 4034  E-mail: [spsthailand@gmail.com](mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com)  Websites: <http://www.acfs.go.th>  <https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main> |
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