

**NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THAILAND</u></b> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b>  HS Chapter 0406, ICS: 67.100.30 (Cheese)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No...), B.E.2543(2000) Cheese ( 3 pages, available in Thai language)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.31) B.E.2522(1979) Cheese dated 13 September B.E.2522(1979) is withdrawn. Good Manufacturing Practice shall be applied for production of cheese. In addition, this ministerial notification prescribes the following items: (1) Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cream cheese;</li><li>- Whole milk cheese;</li><li>- Skimmed milk cheese;</li><li>- Processed cheese;</li><li>- Named cheese.</li></ul> (2) Quality or standards, i.e. butterfat content, water content, free from toxic microorganisms, toxin from microorganisms in the content which may be harmful to health. (3) Containers. Labelling. Licenses for food registration or food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will be valid for 2 years.  Producers or importers who received licenses prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for licenses within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for 2 years.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Publication in which the Notification is published when adopted: - Government Gazette
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 19 September 2000 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the WTO circulation date
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b>