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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) , Ministry of Public Health
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: HS Chapter 2209, ICS: 67.220.20 (Food additives)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No...), B.E.2543(2000) Vinegar (3 pages, available in Thai language)
5.	<p>Description of content: The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.48) B.E.2523(1980) dated 20 February 1980 is withdrawn. Good Manufacturing Practice shall be applied for production of vinegar. In addition, this ministerial notification prescribes the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Classification Vinegar is classified into 3 types, i.e.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Distilled vinegar- Fermented vinegar- Artificial vinegar(2) Quality or standards, i.e. acetic acid content, clear and no sediments, residual alcohol, free from sulfuric acid, vinegar eel.(3) Permissible limits of contaminants, i.e. arsenic, lead, copper, zinc and iron not exceeding 1, 1, 10 and 10 mg./1 kg. of vinegar respectively.(4) Permissible limits of food additives, i.e. sulphur dioxide not exceeding 70 mg./1 kg. of vinegar and L-ascorbic acid not exceeding 400 mg./1 kg. of vinegar.(5) Containers(6) Labelling <p>Licences for food registration or food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will be valid for 2 years.</p> <p>Producers or importers who received licences prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for licences within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for 2 years.</p>

6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Publication in which the notification is published when adopted: - Government Gazette
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 19 September 2000
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
11.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the WTO circulation date Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: