

Unofficial Translation

Notification of Ministry of Public Health (No.381) B.E. 2559 (2016) Re: Food Additives (No.4)

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Notification of Ministry of Public Health on Food Additives including Cyclamate and Steviol glycoside to suit the current situation and to increase the efficiency of consumer protection.

By virtue of the first paragraph of Section 5, and Section 6 (1)(2)(4)(5)(6)(7)(9) and (10) issued under the Food Act, B.E. 2522 (1979), thus, the Minister of Public Health prescribes the Notification as follows:

Clause 1 Clause 6 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18th August B.E. 2547 (2004) shall be repealed and replaced with the following text;

“Clause 6 Use of food additives shall be followed names of food additives, food categories or type of food, functional class and the maximum use level permitted according to the table of the annex I and annex II of this Notification.

Use of two or more food additives determined by numerical maximum use level permitted in the same function class, the sum of the proportion calculated by dividing the concentration of each food additive by the maximum use level permitted for that additive in that food of these additives must not be more than 1”

Clause 2 The following texts shall be added as Clause 6/1 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18th August B.E. 2547 (2004).

“Clause 6/1 The use of food additives besides Clause 6 shall be approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Such food additives shall be evaluated the safety assessment as follows;

(1) Food additives shall have the qualities or standards according to Codex Advisory Specification for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives or The Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration.

(2) Result of dietary exposure assessment according to the principle approved by the Food Committee.

(3) Reliable technical information or research publication to support Justification for use and technological need for the use of additives in foods.

(4) The most current Law and regulations of two or more following countries having reliable risk assessment system, namely European Union, Australia and New Zealand, United States of America, and Japan, permit use of food additives in foods.

Clause 3 The following texts shall be added as Clause 6/2 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18th August B.E. 2547 (2004).

“Clause 6/2 This notification shall not to enforce to specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards which have specific requirement for use of food additives.”

Clause 4 Clause 7 of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.281) B.E. 2547(2004) Re: Food Additives, dated 18th August B.E. 2547 (2004) shall be repealed.

Clause 5 Manufacturers or Importers of Foods, which food additive contained in such food has been approved prior to this Notification comes into force and the food additive is different from this Notification, shall comply with this Notification within 2 years as from the day of this Notification comes into force.

Clause 6 This notification shall come into force as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Note: This English version of the notification is translated to meet the need of the non-Thai speaking people. In case of any discrepancy between the Thai original and the English translation, the former will take priority.

NOTE: The annex I and annex II of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 381 B.E. 2559 (2016), Re: Food Additives (No.4), dated 3rd November B.E. 2559 (2016), shall be repealed and replaced with the annex I and annex II of the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 389 B.E. 2561 (2018), Re: Food Additives (No.5), dated 21st June B.E. 2561 (2018).