

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 215), B.E. 2544 (2001)

Re: Prescribed prohibited foods to be produced, imported or sold.

In order to be able to provide consumers protected regarding to the safety of foods for consumptions, apparently with clear evidences in some countries that corn derived from genetically modification/genetic engineering techniques containing Cry 9C DNA sequence or its protein, was found in food. Such corn has been approved for feed only not human foods.

By the virtue of the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 (8) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), in which contain provisions in relation to the restriction of Rights and Liberties of the Persons, in respect of which Section 29 and in conjunction with Section 35, Section 48 and Section 50 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand so permit by virtue of provision of law; the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1. Food contaminated with Cry 9C DNA Sequence or protein derived from the Cry 9C DNA, shall be prohibited to be produced, imported or sold, as follows:

- (1) Pop corn.
- (2) Baby corn both of frozen corn and/or corn in sealed containers.
- (3) Taco shell.
- (4) Corn chips / corn snack.
- (5) Corn flake.
- (6) Corn meal / corn flour.
- (7) Corn on the cob or frozen corn grain and/or corn in sealed container.

Clause 2. Any person who wishes to import foods as stipulated in clause 1 for sales in the kingdom shall get certificates, to certify that each lot of imported foods are free of contaminants from Cry 9C DNA Sequence corn or protein derived from this DNA Sequence, from responsible government offices of the country of origin or private institutes

which are certified by the competent authority of the country of origin, as the case may be. The main subjects for certification shall follow to the prescription in the announcement of the Food and Drug Administration.

Clause 3. This notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Notified on 18th January 2001

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Minister of Public Health

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