

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 211) B.E. 2543 (2000)

Re: Honey

It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of public Health, Re: Honey.

By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6 (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) and (10) 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 provisions of law; the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows:

Clause 1. The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 139, B.E. 2534 (1991), Re: Honey, dated 18th December 1991, shall be repealed.

Clause 2. Honey is prescribed food to have qualities or standards.

Clause 3. Honey means sweet liquid which is produced by bee.

Clause 4. Honey shall be of the qualities or standards as follows:

- (1) Colour, odour, and taste inherent of that specific characteristic of honey.
- (2) Reducing sugar content, to be expressed as inverted sugar, not less than 65% by weight.
- (3) Moisture content not more than 21% by weight.
- (4) Sucrose content not more than 5% by weight.
- (5) Insoluble materials content not more than 0.1% by weight.
- (6) Ash content not more than 0.6% by weight.
- (7) Acid value not more than 40 milli-equivalent of acid per 1 kg.
- (8) Diastase activity value not less than 3 Gothe Scale.
- (9) Hydroxymethylfurfural value not more than 80 mg. per kg.
- (10) Free of food additives.
- (11) Food colours are not to be used.
- (12) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.
- (13) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be

hazardous to health.

(14) Yeast and mold shall not more than 10 colonies per 1 g. of honey.

(15) Free of contaminants, except the following

(15.1) Arsenic not more than 0.2 mg./kg. of honey.

(15.2) Lead not more than 0.5 mg./kg. of honey.

Clause 5. Producers or importers of honey for sale shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Production processes, production equipments, and foods storages.

Clause 6. Usage of containers for honey shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Containers.

Clause 7. Labels for honey shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels.

Clause 8. This notification shall not to enforce to honey produced for sale from places which are not recognised to be factories by Factory Laws of the Ministry of Industrial.

Clause 9. Food Registration or Food Labelling, which are issued to follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 139, B.E. 2534 (1991), Re: Honey, dated 18th December 1991, prior to this notification, shall be valid for another 2 years as from the enforcement date of this notification.

Clause 10. Honey producers or importers, whose permits issued prior to this notification, shall apply for food serial number within one year as from the come into force date of this notification. After applying for food serial number, the honey producers or importer shall be abated from stipulation in Clause 5 for a period of 2 years after this notification come into force. As a result, the remaining labels are allowed to be used until last but not to exceeding to 2 years after this notification come into force.

Clause 11. This notification shall come into force after 180 days as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Notified on 19th September 2000.

Signed Korn Thupparungsri
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Minister of Public Health

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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.