

(Unofficial)

Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration

Re: Certificate of Manufacturing Premise for Food Importation.

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According to Clause 3 of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000), Re: Production Processes, Production Equipments, and Foods Storages; Amendment of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 239) B.E. 2544 (2001), in which importers of prescribed food shall be provided certification of production processes, production equipments, and foods storages shall not be lower than criteria prescribed in the attachment of those notifications which come into force on 24th July B.E. 2544 (2001). So, it is very important to clearly set the guideline for the importers to follow, the Food and Drug Administration has issued the following guidelines:

**Clause 1.** The following announcement shall be repealed:

- (1) The Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration, Re: Certificate of manufacturing premise for food importation to follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000), dated 9 July B.E. 2544 (2001).
- (2) The Announcement of the Food and Drug Administration, Re: Certificate of manufacturing premise for food importation to follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) (Amendment No. 2), dated 26 July B.E. 2544 (2001).

**Clause 2.** The certificate shall define the criteria to follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) or equivalent details to the mentioned notification of the Ministry of Public Health, or one of the following food qualities assurance system:

- (1) General Principles of Food Hygiene as prescribed by International Food Standard FAO/WHO; Codex.
- (2) Hazard Analysis and Critical Point Control System.
- (3) ISO: Quality Management System.

(4) Other principles or systems which are equivalent to stipulation in (1) - (3)

**Clause 3.** The certificates, as stipulated in Clause 2, shall be original copy. In case where original copy can not be submitted, certified copy of certificates to be certified or recommendations from the issuing offices, or to be certified by embassy of manufacturer's country in Thailand , or to be certified by governmental offices, certifying body such as notary public, etc., are to be used.

In cases where certificates are issued in other than Thai or English language, translations copy of such certificates shall be certified by Thai embassy in the manufacturer's country, or embassy of manufacturer' s country in Thailand , or governmental offices, or certified international private translator firms which shall be accompanied by copy of international translation certification.

**Clause 4.** Eligible issuing offices of certificates as stipulated in Clause 3 may be governmental offices of manufacturer's country, or offices which are certified by governmental authorized offices, or embassy of manufacturer' s country in Thailand, or certification offices which are certified by international certifying bodies.

**Clause 5.** The certificates as stipulated in Clause 2 shall define the expiration date of use of such certificates, except for evidences from certifying offices for such manufacturer certificates are still valid as follow to criteria in Clause 2, or certifying offices for manufacturer certificates define only day, month, and year of certificates issuing shall be valid for not more than one year as from the issuing date of such certification.

**Clause 6. C**ertificates which are issued, according to the announcement of the Food and Drug Administration, Re: Certificate of manufacturing premise for food importation, as prescribed in the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000), dated 9th July B.E. 2544 (2001); and the announcement of the Food and Drug Administration, Re: Certificate of manufacturing premise for food importation, as prescribed in the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 193) B.E. 2543 (2000) (Amendment No. 2), dated 26th July B.E. 2544 (2001), are still valid as long as there are neither conflicts nor contraries to this announcement of the Food and Drug Administration.

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

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