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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: The Office of Food and Drug Administration (Thai – FDA)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Fish and fishery products (HS 0302-0307, 1603-1605/ICS 67.120.30) and other food products (ICS 67.040)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: The Notification of The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) No. 273 dated 8 July 2003 entitled "Food Standards regarding Contaminants" (No. 2)
6. Description of content: It is deemed necessary for MOPH to revise the food standard regarding the contamination of arsenic substances as follows: The provision on arsenic substances under Article 4(1)(e) of the MOPH's Notification No. 98 dated 21 January 1986 is revised as "(e) the contamination of Inorganic Arsenic in fish and fishery products shall be limited at 2 mg./kg. and of Total Arsenic in other food products shall be limited at 2 mg./kg. of food".
7. 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
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Official Gazette Volume 120, special chapter 77 ng. dated 16 July 2003 (one page, available in Thai)
10. Proposed date of adoption: -
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 17 July 2003

12. Final date for comments:

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National notification authority, National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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