

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 227) B.E. 2544 (2001)

Re: Butter.

It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Butter.

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. 30 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribed butter to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards, dated 13th September B.E. 2522 (1979), shall be repealed.

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

Clause 3. Butter means product produced from milk fat, which is processed and vitamins or other ingredients may be added.

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

- (1) Free of rancid odour.
- (2) Fat content not less than 80% by weight.
- (3) Milk solids non fat not more than 2% by weight.
- (4) Sodium chloride salt content not more than 4% by weight.
- (5) Water content not more than 16% by weight.
- (6) Free of preservatives.
- (7) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.
- (8) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be

hazardous to health.

- (9) Lead contamination not more than 0.05 mg./ 1 kg. of butter.

Clause 5. Types and quantities of food additives shall be used as prescribed in the attachment of this notification.

In case where no standards is prescribed in the first phrase, joint FAO/WHO, Codex standards, Re: Food additives and the amended version, shall be used.

Clause 6. Producers or importers of butter for sale shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Production processes, production equipments, and foods storages.

Clause 7. Usage of containers for butter shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Containers.

Clause 8. Labels of butter shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels.

Clause 9. Food Registration or Food Labelling, which are issued to follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 30 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribed butter to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards, dated 13 September B.E. 2522 (1979) prior to this notification, shall be valid for 2 years as from the come into force date of this notification.

Clause 10. Butter 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, butter producers or importers shall be abated from the stipulation in Clause 6 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 exceeding to 2 years after this notification come into force.

Clause 12. This notification shall come into force as from 24th July B.E. 2544 (2001).

Notified on 23rd July 2001.

Signed Sudarat Keyurabhun
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Minister of Public Health

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