

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

Re: Edible Salt

It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Edible Salt

By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 and 6(3) (4) (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 33, Section 41, Section 43 and Section 45 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 The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Edible Salt, dated 27th September B.E. 2553 (2010) shall be repealed.

Clause 2. Edible Salt is a prescribed food to have qualities or standards.

Clause 3. Edible Salt means Sodium Chloride used in food or used as a mixture or an ingredient in food.

Clause 4 Edible Salt shall have iodine content not less than 20 mg and not more than 40 mg per 1 kg of edible salt.

Clause 5 Use of packaging for Edible Salt shall follow the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Prescribed quality or standards of packaging.

Clause 6 Manufacturers of Edible Salt for sale shall follow hygienic condition as prescribed in the Ministerial Regulation No.1 (B.E.2522)(1979) that has been issued under the Food Act (B.E. 2522)(1979) and shall have process control for iodine addition or mixing in order to have uniform iodine dispersion.

Importer of Edible Salt for sale shall provide for manufacturing certification that Para 1 is followed.

Clause 7 Labeling of Edible Salt shall be exempted from the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Label but shall have text in Thai language and may also have foreign language shall have the following particulars:

(1) Name of food (if any);

(2) Text of “Iodized edible salt” with the height of letters not less than 5 mm and clearly legible attached with the name of food;

(3) Food Serial Numbers;

(4) Name and address of manufacturers or packers for edible salt that manufactured in this country or name and address of importers for imported edible salt, as the case maybe,

Name and address of head office of manufacturer or packer may be declared in case of locally manufactured edible salt ;

(5) Month/year of Date that food still have good quality or standards and shall be appeared together with the following words “should consume before”

(6) Net volume in metric system;

(7) Text of “keep in cool, dry place”

Clause 8 “Making an exception to comply with Clause 4 and Clause 6 which relate to uniform iodine dispersion for non iodized salt or edible salt which have purpose for person who have to restrict for iodine consumption including labeling as specify in Clause7(2), as the case maybe, to display the text of “non iodized salt” or “for restricted iodine consumption person” with clearly legible letter.

Clause 9. Edible Salt used as mixture or ingredient in food shall be iodized salt except for food listed in an annex of this Notification.

Clause 10. This Notification shall not be enforced with:

- (1) Edible Salt used during iodine fortification process.
- (2) Edible Salt used in food for export purpose.
- (3) Edible Salt for export purpose.
- (4) Salt in other non-food industries.

Clause 8. This notification shall come into force after 30 days as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Notified on 16th March B.E. 2554 (2011)

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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.

Annex of the Notification of Ministry of Public Health

Re: Edible Salt

Food which are exempt from use of Iodized Salt

(1) Food which are prescribed quality or standards under specific Notification of Ministry of Public Health.

(2) Food which are specific formulation to have nutritional value for some specific consumer

. (1) Electrolyte Drinks under the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No. 195), Re: Electrolyte Drinks dated 19th September B.E 2543 (2000);

(2) Special Purposed Foods under the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health(No. 238) Re: (3)

(3) Special Purposed Foods, dated 11th September B.E. 2544 (2001);

(4) Food for restricted iodine consumption person and label display text of “ for person who have to restrict iodine consumption.

(5) Food which use of salt less than 1 percent as an ingredient or have salt left less than 1 percent in finished products.
