

(Unofficial)

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No. 226) B.E. 2544 (2001)

Re: Ghee.

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

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 The following notifications shall be repealed:

(1) The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 32 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribed ghee to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards, dated 13th September B.E. 2522 (1979).

(2) The notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 53 B.E. 2523 (1980), Re: The amendment of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 32 B.E. 2522 (1979), dated 18th July B.E. 2523 (1980).

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

Clause 3. Ghee means product produced from milk, or cream, or butter, either by incubating with microorganism or not, which is milk solid non fat is separated and water is evaporated, and shall include ghee from process of other oil or fat, and colouring, and flavoring agents may be added to have the same characteristics as ghee, which are called artificial ghee; including a combination of ghee and artificial ghee, which are called mixed ghee.

Clause 4. Ghee made from milk, or cream, or butter shall have qualities or standards as follows:

(1) Milk fat content not less than 99.6% by weight.

(2) Free of preservatives.

(3) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.

(4) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be hazardous to health.

Clause 5. Artificial ghee is prescribed food to have qualities or standards as follows:

(1) Oil content not less than 99.0% by weight.

(2) Acid value, to be expressed in mg. of potassium hydroxide per 1 gm. of artificial ghee, not more than 0.6 .

(3) Free of preservatives.

(4) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.

(5) Free of toxic substance released by microorganisms in quantity which may be hazardous to health.

(6) Free of mineral oil.

Clause 6. Ghee shall be of qualities or standards as follows:

(1) The total of oil and milk fat not less than 99.0% by weight.

(2) Acid value, to be expressed in mg. of potassium hydroxide per 1 gm. of mixed ghee, not more than 8.0 .

(3) Free of preservatives.

(4) Free of pathogenic microorganisms.

(5) Free of toxic substances released by microorganisms in quantity which may be hazardous to health.

(6) Free of mineral oil.

Clause 7. The types and quantities of food additives shall be used as prescribed in the attachment of this notification.

Clause 8. Producers or importers of ghee for sale shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Production processes, production equipments, and foods storages.

Clause 9. Usage of containers for ghee shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Containers.

Clause 10. Labels of ghee shall follow to the notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labels.

Clause 11. Food Registration or Food Labelling, which are issued to follow the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 32 B.E. 2522 (1979), Re: Prescribed ghee to be specific controlled food and prescribed qualities or standards, dated 13 September B.E. 2522 (1979); and

the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 53 B.E. 2523 (1980) Re: The amendment of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 32 B.E. 2522 (1979), dated 18 July B.E. 2523 (1980), prior to this notification, shall be valid for 2 years as from the come into force date of this notification.

Clause 12. Producers or importers of ghee, 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, producers or importers of ghee shall be abated from the stipulation in Clause 8 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 13. This notification shall come into force as from 24th July B.E. 2544 (2001).

Notified on 23rd July 2001.

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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.