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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THAILAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) , Ministry of Public Health Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): HS Chapter 0901, ICS: 67.140.20 (Coffee and coffee substitutes)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No...), B.E.2543(2000) Coffee (5 pages, available in Thai language)
6.	Description of content: The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.77) B.E.2527(1984) Coffee dated 13 January B.E.2527(1984), the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.132) B.E.2533(1990) Coffee (No.2) dated 15 October B.E.2533(1990) and the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.181) B.E.2540(1997) Coffee (No.3) dated 21 November B.E.2540(1997) are withdrawn. Good Manufacturing Practice shall be applied for production of coffee. In addition, this notification prescribes the following items: (1) Classification of roasted coffee: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coffee;- Mixed coffee;- Decaffeinated coffee;- Instant coffee;- Mixed instant coffee;- Decaffeinated instant coffee. Ready to drink coffee in sealed containers must also meet the requirements of this ministerial notification. (2) Quality or standards, i.e. odour and flavour, content of caffeine, total ash, sugar and humidity (3) Permissible limits of preservative agents, i.e. sulphur dioxide not exceeding 70 mg/1 kg of roasted coffee and benzoic acid or zorbic acid or their salts not exceeding

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<p>200 mg/1 kg of ready-to-drink coffee.</p> <p>(4) Containers.</p> <p>(5) Labelling.</p> <p>Licenses for food registration or food labelling issued prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification will be valid for 2 years.</p> <p>Producers or importers who received licenses prior to the enforcement of this ministerial notification must apply for licenses within one year after this ministerial notification comes into force. Upon submitting the application, the former labels can still be valid for 2 years.</p>	
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection.</p>	
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <p>Publication in which the Notification is published when adopted.</p> <p>- Government Gazette</p>	
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: 19 September 2000</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>	
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the WTO circulation date</p>	
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</p>	