Notification of the Ministry of Commerce

Regarding Prescription of Type of Packaged Goods, Rules and Procedures for Displaying

Quantity of Goods and Contingency Rate

Whereas the Ministry of Commerce has already issued the Notification of the Ministry of Commerce Regarding Prescription of Type of Packaged Goods, Rules and Procedures for Displaying Quantity of Goods and Contingency Rate, B.E. 2550 (2007) dated 28 June B.E. 2550 (2007) to prescribe the type of packaged goods which a packager shall have to display the quantity of goods in accordance with prescribed rules and procedures, contingency rate, and rules and procedures for inspecting the display of the quantity of such goods.

It is expedient that the Notification of the Ministry of Commerce regarding Rules and Procedures for displaying the quantity of packaged goods should be adjusted in order to correspond international standard. By virtue of Section 5 of the Measurement Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), as amended by the Measurement Act (No. 3), B.E. 2557 (2014), together with Section 62 and paragraph two of Section 63 of the Measurement Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), the Minister of Commerce has therefore issued this Notification, as follows.

Article 1. This Notification shall come into force upon the expiration of sixty days from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.¹

Article 2. The Notification of the Ministry of Commerce Regarding Prescription of Type of Packaged Goods, Rules and Procedures for Displaying Quantity of Goods and Contingency Rate, B.E. 2550 (2007) dated 28 June B.E. 2550 (2007) shall be repealed.

Article 3. In this Notification:

"net quantity" means the quantity of goods which does not include its container or packaged or attached object;

"content quantity" means the quantity of content of goods which does not include its container and liquid component which is not used for consumption purpose;

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"total package" means a package which contains goods in the same type and the same quantity for 2 packages and above;

"contingency rate" means deviation of the quantity of goods in the package as permitted.

Article 4. The type of packaged goods for sale or distribution within the Kingdom which a packager shall display the quantity of goods on a package shall be in accordance with List 1 attached to this Notification.

The display of the quantity of packaged goods under paragraph one shall not be applied to the following packaged goods:

- (1) the packaged goods with the net quantity of less than 5 grams or less than 5 milliliters,
 - (2) the packaged goods with the net quantity of over 50 kilograms or over 50 liters,
 - (3) the packaged goods with the net quantity of over 150 metres,
 - (4) the packaged goods with the net quantity of over 200 units.
- **Article 5.** In displaying the quantity of packaged goods under Article 4, a packager shall proceed under the following rules and procedures.
- (1) To display the net quantity of goods in weight unit, volume unit, or container unit or length unit in metric, or to display in a counting number.
- (2) The display of the net quantity of goods shall consist of the following statements: "net quantity, numbers indicating the quantity of goods, unit which is used to indicate the quantity of goods", by
- (a) the word "net quantity" may be replaced by other statements which have the same meaning by using Thai alphabet, but abbreviation shall not be applied;
- (b) Thai figures or Arabic figures shall be applied as the numbers indicating the quantity of goods, which shall not be close to the word "net quantity";
- (c) the unit which is used to indicate the quantity of goods shall be in accordance with List 2 attached to this Notification, which shall not be close to the numbers indicating the quantity of goods.
- (3) In a case where packaged goods consists of the content of goods and the component which is liquid by which the liquid is not for consumption purpose, the net quantity and the content of goods shall be displayed.

The display of the content of goods under paragraph one shall consist of the following statements: "content quantity, numbers indicating the amount of content of goods, unit which is used to indicate the quantity of content of goods", whereby "content quantity" may be replaced by other statements which have the same meaning by using Thai alphabet, but abbreviation shall not be applied.

- (4) In displaying the quantity of goods on total package which is a package containing packaged goods in the same type and the same quantity for 2 packages and quantity, the quantity of goods shall be displayed as follows:
 - (a) the quantity of packaged goods in each package,
 - (b) the number of package together with name and classifier,
- (c) in a case of the total package which the quantity of packaged goods in each package can be seen and counted easily, the quantity of packaged goods in each package and the number of package may not be displayed on total package.
- (5) In displaying the quantity of packaged goods which contains goods as divided in separated packages for convenience in dividing for consumption, the total quantity of goods as contained in the package shall be displayed.
- (6) In displaying the quantity of packaged goods which contains goods in a small package with the content of less than 5 grams or less than 5 milliliters in the same type and the same quantity for 2 packages and above, the total of which has the net quantity of over 5 grams or 5 milliliters and above, the quantity of packaged goods shall be displayed as follows:
- (a) the total net quantity of packaged goods or the net quantity of goods in each small package,
 - (b) the number of small packages together with name and classifier.
- (7) The display of the quantity of goods shall be made in the manner of being easily seen and can be clearly read. In a case where the quantity of goods is displayed in several places, all the display of the quantity of goods shall be the same.

(8) The display of the quantity of goods in the unit of weight and the unit of volume

displayed quantity	the size of height of alphabet and figure	
(grams or milliliters)	shall not be less than (milliliters)	
Not exceeding 50	2	
Over 50 but not exceeding 200	3	
Over 200 but not exceeding 1,000	4	
Over 1,000	6	

- (9) shall have the size of height of alphabet and figure as shown in the following table.
- (10) The display of the quantity of goods in the unit of length and counting number shall have the size of height of alphabet and figure of no less than 2 milliliters.
- (11) In displaying the quantity of goods in counting number, if the goods is contained in a transparent package which can be seen and counted easily, the quantity of goods may not be displayed.
- **Article 6.** The packager shall contain goods in the package in accordance with the quantity of goods as displayed. In a case where the quantity of goods in the package is not in accordance with the quantity of goods as displayed, it shall not exceed the following contingency rate.
 - (1) There are 2 levels of Contingency Rate;
 - (a) contingency rate level 1,
 - (b) contingency rate level 2 which is twice the threshold allowed in level 1.
- (2) For packaged goods, which the same goods are contained in the same package and are displayed in the equal net quantity in the unit of weight, the unit of volume, or the unit of container, contingency rate level 1 shall have minimum contingency rate not exceeding those as prescribed in the table as follows:

displayed quantity	contingency rate level 1	
(grams or milliliters)		
	percentage of displayed quantity	grams or milliliters
5 but not over 50	9	-
over 50 but not over 100	-	4.5
over 100 but not over 200	4.5	-
over 200 but not over 300	-	9
over 300 but not over 500	3	-
over 500 but not over 1,000	-	15
over 1,000 but not over 10,000	1.5	-
over 10,000 but not over 15,000	-	150
over 15,000 but not over 50,000	1	-

(3) For packaged goods, which the same goods are contained in the same package and are displayed in the equal net quantity in the unit of length, contingency rate level 1 shall have minimum contingency rate not exceeding those as prescribed in the table as follows:

displayed quantity	contingency rate level 1 in	
(metre)	percentage of displayed quantity	
not over 5	-	
over 5	2	

(4) For packaged goods, which the same goods are contained in the same package and are displayed in the equal net quantity in counting number, contingency rate level 1 shall have minimum contingency rate not exceeding those as prescribed in the table as follows:

displayed quantity	contingency rate level 1 in	
(unit)	percentage of displayed quantity	
not over 50	-	
over 50	1	

If the outcome of the calculation of minimum contingency rate is the number of decimal, to round up the decimal in the next number is required.

(5) For packaged goods, which the same goods are contained in the same package and are displayed in the unequal net quantity in the unit of weight, contingency rate level 1 shall have minimum contingency rate not exceeding those as prescribed in the table as follows:

displayed quantity	contingency rate level 1	
(grams)	(grams)	
not over 500	2.0	
over 500 but not over 2,000	5.0	
over 2,000 but not over 10,000	10.0	

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List 1

Attached to Notification of Ministry of Commerce

Regarding Prescription of Type of Packaged Goods, Rules and Procedures for Displaying Quantity of Goods and Contingency Rate

- 1. Meat and other consumable animal parts from cows, buffalos, pigs, goats, sheep, and poultry
- 2. Aquatic animals, aquatic animal meat, and other consumable parts of fish, shrimps, crayfish, crabs, squid, clams, jellyfish, and sea cucumber
- 3. Fresh milk, condense milk, milk powder, milk tablet, milk serum, milk product and flavoured milk
- 4. Cream, powdered cream including artificial cream, yoghurt, fermented milk, butter, cheese, including margarine
- 5. Processed food, extracts and pressed juice, meatball, sausages and similar products derived from meat, poultry, and other consumable animal parts
- 6. Vegetation, vegetables, roots and corm that are consumable, including all mushroom, bamboo shoots, and baby corn
- 7. Dried chili, dried pepper including the type of crushed and mashed chili and pepper
- 8. Consumable fruits and nuts, peels of citrus or melon
- 9. Consumable seeds of vegetables and fruits including sesame seeds, watermelon seeds, sweet basil seeds, soybean, peanuts, cashew nuts, and sunflower seeds
- 10. Seaweed
- 11. Brown rice, white rice, and other grains
- 12. Cooking flour made from grains, pressed grain seeds, flaked, granulated, sliced or mashed grain seeds including powder, flake, seed, particles made from potatoes, sweet potatoes, taro, other beans, sago or tapioca
- 13. Vegetables, fruits, nuts, and other consumable parts of vegetables, which have been modified or preserved by pickling, preserved in sirup, sweetening, or sun-drying
- 14. Food made from grains, potatoes, beans, seeds, or cooking flour, which was cooked to increase its size, by non-oil pan frying, roasting, grilling, including cornflake, bread, cookies, biscuits, wafers, crisps, and other snacks

- 15. Egg noodle, rice noodle, white noodle, flat noodle, vermicelli, spaghetti, macaroni, and other related food including porridge, and rice porridge in semi-instant form
- 16. Infant food
- 17. Coco powder, other food that contains coco, chocolate, and other snacks made from chocolate, either in the form of liquid, powder, tablet, sheet, or stick
- 18. Roasted coffee bean, tea leaves, instant coffee and tea, including plant-derived products which are made into beverage
- 19. Jam, jelly, gelatin, fruit or nut-based jam
- 20. Red sugar, white sugar, sugar cubes, fine sugar, coconut sugar, palm sugar, glucose both in the powder or liquid form, sweetener or sugar substitutes, honey, artificial honey, syrup, flavoured and coloured sugar products including candies, caramel, and gums
- 21. Animal oil, and plant-based oil for consumption
- 22. Fish sauce, vinegar, soya sauce, soy sauce, chili sauce, ketchup, oyster sauce, soybean paste, salad dressing, and other dipping sauces
- 23. Instant curry paste, shrimp paste, coconut milk, coconut milk powder, and other cooking paste, chili paste
- 24. Cooking salt
- 25. Monosodium Glutamate (flavouring powder)
- 26. Drinking water, mineral water, sweetened drink, juice, vegetable juice, soybean milk, mineral water, sports and energy drink, soft drink, including other beverage both with and without alcohol
- 27. Animal food
- 28. Calcium Hydroxide
- 29. Cement
- 30. Gas oil
- 31. Lubricant, brake oil, power oil, and grease
- 32. Liquid petroleum gas (LPG), only those in the containers for household use
- 33. Chemical fertilizer
- 34. Water colour, oil colour, warnich, for interior decoration, buildings, or other objects
- 35. Thinner, and turpentine
- 36. Ink for both writing and printing
- 37. Body powder, facial powder
- 38. Body and facial cream and lotion

- 39. Shampoo, conditioner, other hair care products
- 40. Hair oil or hair cream, hair gel
- 41. Toothpaste, mouthwashes
- 42. Soap, both in a solid, cream, and liquid form, including other products for showering, or body cleansing
- 43. Cream, form, or gel for facial cleansing
- 44. Detergent, liquid detergent, and other laundry related products including bleach, grime wiping product and fabric softener
- 45. Ironing liquid, and compress fabric
- 46. Vegetable and fruit washing liquid
- 47. Household cleaner products
- 48. Mirror cleaning products
- 49. Shine products for shoes, leather, and metal
- 50. Matches
- 51. Incense
- 52. Candles
- 53. Toilet rolls, facial tissue, hand tissue, paper napkin, cleaning towels
- 54. Papers for writing and printing
- 55. Thread
- 56. Knitting wool
- 57. Sanitary napkin, sanitary product and nappy
- 58. Cotton and cotton sticks
- 59. Nails

List 2

Attached to Notification of Ministry of Commerce Regarding Prescription of Type of Packaged Goods, Rules and Procedures for Displaying Quantity of Goods and Contingency Rate

1. In a case where the unit for displaying the quantity of goods is the unit of weight, the unit of volume, the unit of container, or the unit of length, the unit shall be displayed in Thai alphabet or English alphabet in full word or in abbreviation as shown in the following table.

	unit for displaying	quantity of goods	
Thai alphabet		English alphabet	
full word	abbreviation	full word	abbreviation
กรัม	ก.	gram	g
กิโลกรัม	กก.	kilogram	kg
มิลลิลิตร	มล.	milliliter, millilitre	mL or ml
เซนติลิตร	ซล.	centiliter, centilitre	cL or cl
ลิตร	ଗି.	liter, litre	Lorl
มิลลิเมตร	มม.	millimeter,	mm
		millimetre	
เซนติเมตร	ซม.	centimeter,	cm
		centimetre	
เมตร	ນ.	meter, metre	m
ลูกบาศก์เซนติเมตร	ซม."	cubic centimeter,	cm ³
		cubic centimetre	

- 2. In a case where the unit for displaying the quantity of goods is counting number, a word which is used to specify the number of goods is required to be clear, such as, unit, piece, pack, sheet, pair or other word which has similar meaning, in Thai alphabet or English alphabet.
- 3. It is prohibited to use word "approximation", "standard", "at the time of packing", or other word which has similar meaning, behind the display of net quantity of packaged goods.
