

Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

(No...) Year

Subject: Food for Infants and Follow-up Formula Food for Infants and Young Children (No. 2)

This is a support to prevent tooth cavities and obesity and related future adverse health effects in children caused by feeding infants with sweetened foods beginning at an early age.

According to article 5 and 6 (2)(4)(5) and (10) of Food Act dated B.E. 2522 (1979) which includes some limitations about Human Rights and Freedom, articles number 29, 35,39,48,and 50 of the Thai Constitution, with respect to the Ministry of Public Health, permit the following:

1. To cancel items in section 4.6 of Number 4, in the notification of Ministry of Public Health number 157 (2537) about: Food for Infants and Follow-up Formula Food for Infants and Young Children, 14 October B.E. 2537 (1994), and to replace them with the following items:

"In section 4.6, use of sugar, honey or any other sweetener is prohibited, except for:

- (a) Lactose or other non-sugar carbohydrates with a sweetness equal to or less than lactose.
- (b) Food for infants and follow-up formula food for infants and young children with digestion problems, food absorption problems, or food allergies, subject to prior approval by the Thai Food and Drug Administration".

2. The following items shall be added in (c) of sections 11.2.10 and 11.2.11 of Number 11, in the notification of Ministry of Public Health number 157 (2537) about: Food for Infants and Follow-up Formula Food for Infants and Young Children. 14 October B.E. 2537 (1994)

"(c) A statement of "sugar, honey or any other sweetener should not be added as it may cause tooth cavities and obesity in infants and young children" shall be legible with lettering size of at least 2 mm. in conjunction with other caution labelling."

3. Producers, importers of foods for infants and young children which have been registered shall submit the application in accordance with this amendment within 180 (one hundred and eighty) days, but the current label shall be applicable for no longer than 1 (one) year from the effective date of this notification.
4. This notification shall be effective 90 days after notification in the National Gazette.

Notification dated: