

Thailand – Health Warnings for Alcoholic Beverages (new)

“Seven members including Mexico, the EU, Argentina, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia and the US raised concerns about Thailand’s measure ([G/TBT/N/THA/332](#)) requiring the display of specific health advisory statements and pictures on the packaging of alcoholic beverages.

Members did not contest the legitimacy of Thailand’s objectives to address public health concerns, but they argued that the labelling requirements created unnecessary obstacles to trade and that Thailand could instead use less restrictive methods such as public information campaigns to achieve the same objective. Members also said that the labelling requirements could mislead the consumer by informing them that drinking any level of alcohol, even moderately, could lead to health problems.

Thailand informed the TBT Committee that the period for consultations on the draft measure had been extended to offer members further opportunity for comment.”

Fuente: http://www.wto.org/spanish/news_s/news10_s/tbt_24mar10_s.htm