NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Thailand  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  The Excise Department  1488 Nakornchaisri Road, Dusit  Bangkok Thailand 10300  Ministry of Finance  Telephone: (+662) 244 8236  Fax: (+662) 241 3893  E-mail: [tax\_3@excise.go.th](mailto:tax_3@excise.go.th)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website 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 [****], 2.10.1 [X], 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):** Alcohol Beverages (ICS: 67.160.10) (HS 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:**  Ministerial Regulation entitled "Liquor Importation Permission" <http://www.ratchakitcha.soc.go.th/DATA/PDF/2560/A/095/65.PDF> (5 page(s), in English; 5 page(s), in Thai) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Ministerial Regulation entitled Liquor Importation Permission is intended to provide procedures and conditions for Liquor Importation into the Kingdom of Thailand issued under B.E. 2560, it is summarized as follows:  1. Any person, who intends to import liquors into the Kingdom of Thailand, shall submit an application for Liquor Importation License together with the relevant documents to the Area Excise Office or the Branch Office where the customs office for liquor importation is located.  2. In case where the person desiring to apply for the Liquor Importation License type one, the following procedure shall be completed prior to submitting the application mentioned in 1:  2.1 Submit a label request form and the sample of labels used on the liquor for label approval. The evidence of sole distributor for imported liquors is required.  2.2 Submit sample of liquor to the Director General of the Excise Department for quality examination or provide the certificate of analysis to ensure that the liquors meet its requirement. Such certificate shall be issued by the agency which the Director General designated as the Quality Examination Agency, the foreign government agency or other agencies certified by the foreign government.  It should be noted that the enclosed full text in English version is unofficial translation. In case of a discrepancy, the Thai original shall prevail.  The Excise Department provides statutory exception and transitional period for importer to comply with article 5(2) of the regulation by allowing the importation of liquor into Thailand before submitting samples of liquors or certificate of result.  The importer shall submit the liquor or certificate of result of liquor sample to the Excise Department within 30 days after the date of importation.  This exemption will only be implemented for the application, which has been provided before 14 March 2019 |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To protect consumer health and safety. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * The Excise Act B.E. 2560 (2017) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** -  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 16 September 2017 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** - |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) Division of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards Policy 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao, Chatuchak Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: (+662) 561 4204 Fax: (+662) 561 4034 Email: [spsthailand@gmail.com](mailto:spsthailand@gmail.com)  Website: <http://www.acfs.go.th>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/THA/18_5898_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/THA/18_5898_00_e.pdf> |