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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 3 August 2011, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

TITLE:

- I. Announcement of extra label items of plastic food utensils, food containers, food packaging designated by the central competent authority in a public notice. These label items shall conspicuously be indicated in Chinese and common symbols.
- II. Announcement of items and implementation date of plastic food utensils, food containers, food packaging. These items and dates shall be labelled in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 of the Act Governing Food Sanitation.

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health, Executive Yuan.

SUMMARY:

- I. Announcement of extra label items of plastic food utensils, food containers, food packaging designated by the central competent authority in a public notice. These label items shall conspicuously be indicated in Chinese and common symbols.

1. Labelling are as follows:

- (1) Product name.
- (2) Polymer material name.
- (3) Heat-resisting temperature.
- (4) Place of origin (country).
- (5) Net weight, capacity, quantity or measurement. Information shall be indicated in metric units; if necessary, it should also be specified in other units.
- (6) Manufacturing date. For product with validity, they shall be specified with the effective date or validity period.
- (7) Precautions for use or warning (e.g., microwave or not). But with PVC or PVDC products, labels should indicate whether product can contact food directly when using food with high oil content or high temperature.

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2. The labelling modes are as follows:

1. The labelling items mentioned above shall be printed, stamped, embossed or labelled on packaging of the smallest selling unit or on the product body. However, for the product that are reusable, the polymer material name and heat-resisting temperature of the main product body shall be printed, stamped or embossed again on the smallest selling unit of the main product body.
2. Label printing and stamping methods shall be principally colorfast and adhesive.
3. For date labelling, it shall be marked in a way that is customarily decipherable of year/month/date or year/month. For indication in year/month, it is presumed that the product is made at the end of that particular month.
4. The length and width of the characters marked on the labels shall not be less than two millimetres.
5. If a product is composed of more than two kinds of polymer materials, they shall all be clearly labelled.
6. No falsehood is allowed in the labelling contents.

II. Announcement of items and implementation date of plastic food utensils, food containers, food packaging. These items and dates shall be labelled in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 of the Act Governing Food Sanitation.

1. Items:

- (1) The specified plastic food utensils, containers and packages means plastic bottles (cups), feeding bottles, and lunch boxes (including crispers) that are used repeatedly.
- (2) Disposable plastic food packaging containers and utensils.

2. The implementation date is based on the manufacturing date for:

- (1) Plastic bottles (cups), feeding bottles, and lunch boxes (including crispers) that are used repeatedly: one year after promulgation.
- (2) Disposable plastic food packaging containers and utensils: two years after promulgation.

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