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Report Highlights:

TH9099 The Thai Food and Drug Administration has postponed implementation of new inspection procedures for imported vegetables and fruits.

General Information:

On June 29, the Thai Food and Drug Administration notify vegetable and fruit importers that the planned July 1 implementation date of new measures for the inspection of imported fresh and vegetables would be postponed. Background on the new measures can be found at [“Thai FDA Produce Inspection Revised”](#) report dated May 28, 2009

Unofficial Translation of the Thai FDA Letter Sent to Fruits and Vegetables Importers

Ministry of Public Health
Tiwanon Road, Nonthaburi
11000

29 June 2009

Measures for the Inspection Procedures of Imported Fresh Vegetables and Fruits

To: All fresh vegetable and fruit importers

Food and Drug Administration's Memorandum, ref.# Sor Thor 1006/Wor 7532, dated 27 May 2009

As referred to the mentioned memorandum, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) earlier notified its new measures for inspection procedures of imported fresh vegetables and fruits, which is scheduled to be effective on July 1st, 2009.

As a result of FDA's discussion meeting with other relevant agencies on June 29, 2009, we agreed that, in order to *promote the principle of WTO under the acceptance of the equality of trading partners* [1], the implementation of the new import procedures should be postponed until all the related sectors are ready. The new implementation date will be notified later.

This is for your information.

Sincerely

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Previous reports related to this topic:

- [TH9081: Thai FDA Produce Inspection Revised dated May 28, 2009](#)

End of Report.

^[1]The original Thai text is unclear and we believe can be translated into 2 meanings as below:

- To promote the principle of most-favored-nation (MFN) under WTO or

- To promote the concept of equivalence of WTO member countries