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### Additional Measures to Prohibit Non-Food Objects Packed in Food Package

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**Report Highlights:**

In early May, the Ministry of Public Health announced additional measures prohibiting objects other than food to be packed into food packaging. This is in response to a publicized case of a Thai child accidentally swallowing a small toy packed inside a snack food.

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### **Additional Measures to Prohibit Non-Food Objects Packed in Food Package**

In early May, the Ministry of Public Health announced additional measures prohibiting objects other than food to be packed into food packaging. These additional measures have been drafted in the new MOPH notification as per WTO/G/SPS/THA/165/Add.1. This is in response to a publicized case of a Thai child accidentally swallowing a small toy packed inside a snack food. The impact of this notification on trade is quite limited as the new notification only affects certain forms of product promotion.

The purpose of this MOPH notification is to repeal the MOPH notification no. 304 (B.E. 2550 (2007)) regarding the prohibition of any objects other than food to be packed into the food package. The drafted notification will be repealed and replaced by the following provisions:

1. Objects other than food shall not be packed inside food packages, except for the purposes of food quality or standard preservation such as desiccator, oxygen absorber, etc in separate packages; seasonings; or consuming accessories (such as plastic spoon, chopsticks, measuring spoon, etc.)
2. Objects other than food may be packed with the food packages, but only if they do not pose a risk to humans or mislead consumers that those objects can be eaten.

This notification will enter into effect the following day after publishing in the Royal Gazette.

End of the Report.