

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Council of Ministers
Food and Medicine Control Committee

No. 048/FMC

**PROVISIONS ON QUALITY CONTROL
OF DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED FOOD PRODUCTS**

Based on Decree No. 45/CCM, dated 3/6/91 of the Council of Ministers on the Establishment of the Food and Medicine Control Committee, the Food and Medicine Control Committee issues the following "provisions":

Part I
General Principles

Article 1:

These provision aim at regulating and protecting the consumers' health, promoting and encouraging increasing domestic production and the conversion into good quality commodities.

Article 2:

In view of such purpose, such products' quality must ensure the consumers' safety, remain close to the international standard and be accepted by society.

Part II
Rights and Obligations of Authorizing Party

Article 3: Rights of the Food and Medicine Control Committee:

The FMCC is the sole authoritative state organizational for the management and certification of domestically produced food products' quality.

Article 4: Obligations of the Food and Medicine Control Committee:

It has the obligation to control food production sites, starting with the production localities, factories, processing tools and materials, packing material, food storage sites, and owners of the food products must ensure facilities and provide documents and samples of food products as required by the authorities.

Part III
Structure, Rights and Obligations
of Products

Article 5: As the permit to construct a factory is obtained from the relevant sector, the products require the following conditions:

Individuals producing foodstuff must be in possession of a health certificate delivered by the health sector.

Article 6:

All food production units, both public and private, must be legally responsible for the quality and safety of their products.

Article 7:

Finished food products must be provided a quality certificate from the relevant factory, of which each production set has been registered by the FMCC, namely labels and trade marks.

Article 8:

Application for the registration of food products' quality.(see Form 2).

Part IV
Service Fees

Article 9:

All organizations conducting business on food production must pay professional service fees for the quality control of each set of food products; the food products' owner is responsible for the total expenses. (As per hereby attached regulations No. 098/FMC, dated 23/10/91 on professional service fees).

Part V
Restricted Food Production

Article 10:

It is forbidden to use spoiled foodstuff

- Synthetic foodstuff
- Foodstuff with inappropriate quality.

(Separate recommendations will be published).

Article 11:

Colorings are forbidden except for food coloring authorized by the authorities (separate recommendations will be published).

Article 12:

Saccharin mixed in food and drink is forbidden.

Article 13:

Preservatives are forbidden to be mixed with food and drinks, except for those authorized by the authorities.

Article 14:

It is forbidden to use narcotic drugs and psychotic substances in food and drinks (such as: marijuana, caffeine, etc).

Article 15:

Poisonous materials are forbidden in drinks (such as: formanderite, flint, and insecticide).

Part VI
Measures Against Producers

Article 16:

Any organization / individual transgressing these provision will be criticized; warned, penalized or prosecuted as provided by the laws.

Part VII
Organization and Implementation

Article 17:

All food production units must strictly abide by these provisions.

Article 18:

These provisions on food product quality control are effective from the day they are approved and promulgated by the Prime Minister.

Vientiane, October 26, 1991
Chairman of the Food and Medicine
Control Committee

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