

KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
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Ministry of Commerce
No. 329 MoC/M99

Prakas
On Measures Against Food Products Devoid of Appropriate Packaging Labels

The Ministry of Commerce

- Referring to the 1993 Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- Referring to Reach Kret NS/RKT/1198/72 of November 30, 1998 on the formation of the Royal Government of Cambodia;
- Referring to Kram 02/NS/94 of July 20, 1994 promulgating the Law on the Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers;
- Referring to Anukret No. 54/ANK of September 22, 1997 on the Organization and Functioning of the Ministry of Commerce;
- Referring to Prakas No. 12/MOC/PRK of January 13, 1998 on the Organization and the Functioning of the Cambodia Import Export Inspection and Fraud Repression Department (Camcontrol);
- Pursuant to the need to protect the consumers' health and safety and to maintain good order in the circulation of goods in markets; and
- responding to the present situation.

IT IS HEREBY DECIDED

Article 1: To ban the importation, circulation, sale, and display for sale of food products devoid of appropriate trademarks or labels or whose trade marks or labels do not meet legal requirements regardless of the health and safety quality of the substances.

The legal requirement shall be as follows:

- name of product;
- name, address of person(s) responsible for the products (producers, packagers wrappers, or traders);
- source;
- lot numbers and date of manufacturing;
- date of expiration;
- ingredients;
- usage instructions (when applicable);
- license from the concerned authorities before products circulation (if required and for local products).

Article 2: To ban the sale of pre-printed labels for certain specific food products.

Article 3: Any food products already in circulation or displayed for sale without labels or having labels or trade marks which do not comply with the above mentioned requirements in Article 1 shall be returned to the proprietors for rectification in compliance with the rules and regulations governing labels trade marks on condition that the health and safety quality of ingredients are suitable. In the event that the food products do not meet the appropriate quality requirements, they may be seized and destroyed or shipped back to the point of origin (for imported goods).

Article 4: Proprietors of products found in violation of Article 1 or Article 2 shall first be given a warning letter. In the event of repeated offences, they shall be penalized in accordance with the law.

Article 5: The Technical Director General and the Director of Camcontrol Department of the Ministry of Commerce shall effectively implement this Prakas in cooperation with the concerned authorities and institutions.

Article 6: This Prakas shall come into effect as of 1 October 1999

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