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Notification of Ministry of Industry No. 10 B.E. 2537 (1994)

Issued pursuant to the Factory Act B.E. 2535 (1992)

Re: Ban on Establishment or Expansion of a Factory Producing Benzidine Based Dyes and Chromic Compounds Based Dyes, and on Using the Dyes in Dyeing and Finishing Industry

Ministry of Industry realizes that dyes used in dyeing process in the form of carcinogenic substance and heavy metal that cannot be disposed of or completely degraded are benzidine based dyes and chromic compounds based dyes. Certainly, allowing an establishment or expansion of a factory producing or using these two types of dyes may potentially cause environmental problem and may part harm to health of workers and people that uses public reservoir contaminated with effluent from dyeing and finishing industry.

In order to control and prevent contamination of such dyes in public reservoir, therefore, by the virtue of section 32 (1) (2) of the Factory Act B.E. 2535 (1992) the Minister of Industry hereby issues the Ministerial Notification, with the approval of the cabinet, as follows:

- Article 1 Establishment or expansion of a factory producing benzidine based dyes and chromic compounds based dyes is prohibited in all area in the Kingdom.
- Article 2 A factory producing dyes shall not used benzidine, benzidine compounds, chromium, and chromic compounds as raw material.
- Article 3 A factory with dyeing and finishing business shall not used dyes having benzidine, benzidine compounds, chromium, and chromic compounds as components in the production process.

Article 1 shall, thus, enter into force on the date of its publication in the Government Gazette. For Article 2 and Article 3 shall enter into force on the 1st of January B.E. 2538 (1995).

Announced on the 29th day of June B.E. 2537 (1994)

(signed) Sanan Kajornprasart (Major-General Sanan Kajornprasart) Minister of Industry

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