

Ministry order allows use of parts of cannabis, hemp plant as food ingredients



Use of the whole cannabis and hemp plants as food ingredients is prohibited but parts of them are allowed under some conditions, the Ministry of Public Health said in an announcement on food ingredients that are prohibited for sale or import for the safety of consumers.

The criteria for using cannabis and hemp as food ingredients caught public attention after the government removed the plants from Thailand's narcotics list in order to boost their potential as economic plants.

The announcement, signed by Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul on February 25, listed 80 items of prohibited food ingredients from plants and animals, while cannabis and hemp are listed as No. 18.

The list stipulated that the sale or the import of the whole cannabis and hemp plants are prohibited as food ingredients, but the following parts are allowed:

- Bark, stem, stalk, fibre and root
- Leaves without flowers
- Extract that contains no more than 0.2 per cent of cannabidiol and tetrahydrocannabinol per weight in dry form
- Hemp seeds and their oil extract

The announcement is effective from February 26.

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