

Safety Assessment for Novel food National Food Institute (NFI)

At present, there is substance which has never been consumed as food or used as food ingredient as well as developing innovative process that has never been used for food production. It deems to provide measure for safety assessment in order to protect consumer. By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 in the first phrase, and 6(3) (9) and (10) of the Food Act B.E.2522 (1979), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows:

Novel food in this notification means;

- 1.1 Any substance used as food or food ingredients which has been significantly used for human consumption less than fifteen years based on scientific or reliable evidence
- 1.2 Any substance used as food or food ingredients to which has been applied a production process not currently used, where that process gives rise to significant changes in the composition or structure of such food which affect their nutritional value, metabolism or level of undesirable substances
- 1.3 Any food product contains either 1.1 or 1.2 as an ingredient. However, food additives and food obtained through certain techniques of Genetic Modification are not included in this notification.

Scope of Service

National Food Institute provide service a safety assessment service (Novel food), which is assessed in the case of food ingredients or food products that use novel ingredient substances, novel food or a new production process.

Location

National Food Institute

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Working hours

Monday-Friday, 9.30 - 17.00 hrs., (Closed on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays)

Application submission

1. Assessment application and document checklist can be downloaded at <http://www.nfi.or.th>.

2. The applicant is required to prepare the documents and supporting evidence correctly according to the checklist. The application has to be signed by the entrepreneur or business operator or authorized director (according to the certificate of juristic person). If the applicant is not the business operator or authorized director of the juristic person, the Power of Attorney needs to be attached.

3. The applicant must be able to provide information of the applied product and be authorized to decide or sign to acknowledge any defects. If the applicant is not the business operator or authorized director of the juristic person, the Power of Attorney needs to be attached.

4. The applicant shall submit the application and supporting evidence by him/herself or by proxy at NFI. Duration of application and evidence consideration is one working day. Then the applicant will be contacted through the channels stated in the application.

5. The application with inadequate evidence, or not in accordance with the academic principles, or does not comply with the details in the manual for the public service shall not be considered.

6. NFI shall take no responsibility for any delay if the applicant fails to submit all evidence in the specific period of the checklist and defect record.

7. When NFI accepts to assess the food safety: the applicant shall pay 60% of the service fee and pay the remaining amount upon receiving the safety assessment report.

8. After the assessment, the applicant may consult with the NFI twice, in case of any problem or doubt.

9. The safety assessment report is supporting evidence for the application of food permit according to the procedure of the relevant agencies.

Service period

The service shall not exceed 90 working days, starting from the day of receiving all required documents. The result shall be informed within 3 working days after the assessment is completed, excluding document correction or information clarification period.

Checklist of supporting documents

1. One application for safety assessment (Novel food).
2. One copy of ID card or passport of applicant/authorizer.
3. One copy of Power of Attorney from the business operator (in case of power granting)
4. One checklist for food safety assessment with certificated true copy.
5. One set of the documents and evidence for food safety assessment follow checklist of food safety assessment. (List No. 4)
6. One set of documents and evidence (electronic file) for food safety assessment. (List No. 5)

Fee

Novel food safety assessment fee: 74,000 baht/formula. Such formula consists of one assessed component. In case that more than one component, the fee increases by 20,000 baht/type.

Fee for examination of the documents and supporting evidence according to the Novel food safety assessment checklist by 3,000 Bath/set

In case the applicant requires NFI to find supporting information for assessment, the fee increases by 5,000 baht/case, depending on the number of required documents.

Payment

1. By check payable to “Foundation For Industrial Development National Food Institute”
2. By transferring money
Bank account at: 031-1-52938-0
Name: “Foundation For Industrial Development National Food Institute”
Bank name: Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited, Phra Pinklao Branch
Bank account at: 031-1-52938-0