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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Health functional food products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Partial Amendment Notice (Draft) of Regulations Concerning Recognition of Functional Ingredients and Standards Specifications for Health Functional Foods - Advance Notice No. 2025-405, 19 September 2025. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 12 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/KOR/25_06249_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/KOR/25_06249_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed amendments seek to: A. Streamlining data submission [Article 14, Section 6] Pesticide residue test reports are now only required for plant-based raw materials that may have been exposed to pesticides. The requirement is waived for animal, microbial, and synthetic raw materials. B. Aligning terminology with regulations [Article 2, Section 1; Article 3, Section 2; Article 5, Section 1; Article 14, Sections 5 and 6; Article 19, Section 5; Appendix 1] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The definition of "synthetic substances" for functional raw materials will be unified with the "Standards and Specifications for Health Functional Foods." Food classifications like "Foods for Special Nutritional Use" and "Foods for Special Medical Purposes" will be consistently applied according to the "Standards and Specifications for Foods."</li><li>Administrative terminology will be refined and clarified with English translations to improve user experience.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 November 2025</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu, Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do, 28159, Republic of Korea Tel: +82 43 719 1569 Fax: +82 43 719 1550 E-mail: <a href="mailto:intmfs@korea.kr">intmfs@korea.kr</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu, Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do, 28159, Republic of Korea Tel: +82 43 719 1569 Fax: +82 43 719 1550 E-mail: <a href="mailto:intmfs@korea.kr">intmfs@korea.kr</a></p>