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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
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): Health functional food products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Partial Amendment Notice (Draft) of Standards and Specifications for Health Functional Foods. - Advance Notice No. 2025-435, 17 October 2025. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/KOR/25_07029_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The proposed amendments seek to: Revise the precautions for intake of <i>Garcinia cambogia</i> extracts [Article 3. 2. 2-25 3)]. This action is based on the deliberation that the adverse event of acute hepatitis, which occurred following the consumption of a health functional food, highly likely has a causal relationship with the ingestion of <i>Garcinia cambogia</i> extracts, the functional ingredient. Furthermore, expert opinion indicated that the possibility of liver toxicity occurring when this functional ingredient is consumed concomitantly with alcohol cannot be excluded. To prevent the occurrence of adverse events by providing safety information to consumers, a new precaution will be established: 'May rarely cause liver damage. Avoid alcohol consumption during the period of ingestion.'
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☒ None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 December 2025 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: 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: intmfs@korea.kr
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