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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"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Partial Amendment Notice (Draft) of <i>Standards and Specifications for Health Functional Foods</i> (Notice No. 2025-524, 23 December 2025). <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 46 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/KOR/25_09229_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/KOR/25_09229_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed amendments seek to: a. Addition of recognized functional claims for functional ingredients; b. Revision of testing methods for individual components.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
<b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. [ ] <b>Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 6 March 2026 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaeengmyeong2-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:intmfds@korea.kr">intmfds@korea.kr</a>
<b>13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b> Documents are available from the <i>Ministry of Food and Drug Safety</i> portal at <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a> . Also available from: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaeengmyeong2-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:intmfds@korea.kr">intmfds@korea.kr</a>