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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: REPUBLIC OF KOREA
If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: 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): Food products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposed Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Foods (Advance Notice No. 2025-522, 23 December 2025). Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 531 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_00162_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revise specifications for foodborne pathogens in Meal-type Dietary Management Foods;2. Revise food type names for Sugar-fed Honeycomb Honey and Sugar-fed Honey;3. Revise the lists of food ingredients in [Annex 1], [Annex 2] and [Annex 3];4. Establish and revise maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticides in food (124 pesticides including Dimesulfazet);5. Revise the maximum residue limit (MRL) for veterinary drugs in food (Phenylbutazone);6. Establish and revise general test methods.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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
Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 March 2026 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: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfds@korea.kr	
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