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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
3.	<b>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> Food products
4.	<b>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>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Foods (Advance Notice No. 2025-522, 23 December 2025). <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 531 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_00162_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_00162_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The proposed amendment seeks to: 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.	<b>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.
8.	<b>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> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 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 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: <a href="mailto:intmfs@korea.kr">intmfs@korea.kr</a>
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