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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 utensils, containers and packages
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 of the Standards and Specifications for Food Utensils, Containers and Packages (Notice No. 2026-009, 8 January 2026). Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 46 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_00164_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendments seek to: a. Establish standards for the recognition of mechanically recycled polypropylene as raw material; b. Reorganize the composition system of the "Standards and Specifications for food utensils, Containers and Packages", including Establishment of term definitions; c. Revise the Migrant specifications for DEHP and DEHA in Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC).
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 Osongsaeengmyeong2-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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