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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): Foods
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: Proposed Amendments of the "Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control", Bill Number 2219633 (30 June 2026). Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_03925_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The amendments aim to ban mail-order brokerage from facilitating the direct purchase of foreign foods containing raw materials or substances prohibited from entering Korea, and to allow the Minister of Food and Drug Safety to take necessary measures including the ban on mail-order brokerage when it is acknowledged that directly purchased foreign foods are found to cause, or are likely to cause, harm to the life or health of consumers.
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: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 September 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, 28159, Republic of Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr
13.	Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety portal at http://www.mfds.go.kr Also available from: 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