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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): Health functional food products
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: Partial amendment notice (draft) of Regulations on Recognition of Functional Ingredients and Standards and Specifications for Health Functional Foods - Advance Notice No. 2026-406, 14 August 2026. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_04285_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendments seek to: A. Revise the application forms for functional ingredient recognition (Draft [Annexed Form 1], [Annexed Form 2]) – Update the fee section to reflect the upward adjustment of examination fees under the Enforcement Rule of the Health Functional Food Act – Divide the fee section into electronic and in-person/mail applications B. Updating the decision tree for safety assessment of functional ingredients (Draft [Annex 3])
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: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 October 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
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