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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:** 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:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Partial Amendment Notice (Draft) of Standards and Specifications for Health Functional Foods (Advance Notice No. 2026-513, 23 October 2026). **Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 11 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_05596_00_x.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** The proposed amendments seek to: A. Strengthening common manufacturing standards for functional ingredients (Draft Articles 2.1.3 and 2.2.3) – Establish specifications for the use of mixed functional ingredients and other ingredients to prevent misuse and side effects and ensure safe intake by reflecting current consumption trends. B. Revision of intake precautions for three types of functional ingredients (Draft Articles 3.2.2-6 3 & 4, 3.2.2-20 3, 3.2.2-54 3) – Establish or amend precautions for green tea extract and shark liver oil containing alcoxyglycerol based on the review results of re-evaluations for the safety and functionality of functional ingredients. – Amend intake precautions for theanine due to instances where it was inappropriately applied, not complying with its functional claim (e.g., "may help relieve tension caused by stress").
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] 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)*:**

[X] **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: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 January 2027

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