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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 ingredients, Food additives, Food utensils, containers and packages
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:** Proposed amendments to Standards for Recognition of Temporary Standard and Specifications for Foods. **Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 33 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_05765_00_x.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards for Recognition of Temporary Standard and Specifications for Foods". The regulations on applying for temporary standards and specifications of new food ingredients, food additives, etc. have been improved as following; 1) Revisions regarding fees for applications to approve or modify temporary standards and specifications for food products (under the Enforcement Rule of the Food Sanitation Act) will be reflected in relevant forms, such as the approval application. 2) The scope of permissible modifications will be expanded, and a new processing timeframe will be established for food ingredients, allowing for changes to the target food products, usage amounts, manufacturing methods, and manufacturers, provided such as changes do not compromise safety.
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: [X] 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)*:** 5 January 2027

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:

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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 website at http://www.mfds.go.kr.

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