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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: 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 products
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 to Standards and Specifications for Foods Language(s): Korean Number of pages: 396 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/KOR/15_4289_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revise the list of Raw materials allowed in food and delete the list of Raw materials not allowed in food;2. Newly establish a food type called Milk protein hydrolysate formula for infants and young children;3. Revise the qualitative specification to quantitative specification (not less than the labelled amount) for enzyme foods;4. Newly establish a food type called Honey from sugar-fed honey bees and Honeycomb honey from sugar-fed honey bees. Also, include specifications for carbon isotope ratio for honey products;5. Establish and revise the maximum residue limits for pesticides in foods:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Establish the maximum residue limits for propyrisulfuron and expand the range of target agricultural products for 87 types of pesticides;– Establish the maximum residue limits for spinetoram in livestock products;6. Permit the import of Patagonian toothfish (<i>Dissostichus eleginoides</i>, <i>Dissostichus mawsoni</i>) and revise the raw material requirements for frozen edible fish heads;7. Permit the use of Oak chip (bar) in the manufacturing and processing of fruit wine;8. Delete the standard for sulphur dioxide in dried sugar-preserved (sugaring) food to be consistent with Korea Food Additives Code;9. Revise the general test methods for microorganisms, pesticides, etc. and establish the test methods for sugar content, solid content and carbon isotope ratio.
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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2015-325, 15 October 2015 (available in Korean)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 December 2015</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at http://www.mfds.go.kr. Also available from:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do Tel: +(82 43) 719 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>