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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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): Foods
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 Border Inspection Regulation for Foods. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 30
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_0659_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to:
	 Establishment of import declaration exemption for imported food, etc. used as samples or taste testings at Exhibition; Specification of pesticide test items for random sampling test; Establishment of laboratory test exemption for re-imported parts of apparatus, containers and packages; 232 kinds of single component pesticides for inspection are adjusted to 208, and the names of pesticides are modified to match with food code; Adjustment of the scope of foods that a Minister of Food and Drug Safety recognizes as safe among foods, etc. that have no inadequate history after inspection; Addition of field test item and judgment criteria for garlic.
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: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2017-050, 31 January 2017 (available in Korean)
- **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): 7 April 2017

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. Also available from:

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