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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 the Standards and Specifications for Foods. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 373 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_2468_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: Revise the definition and standard for carbon isotope ratio of "Honey produced by sugar-fed honey bees." Establish and revise the "General Test Methods". Expand and revise the list of "Raw materials approved for use in foods". <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Addition of flower, leaf and stem of "Rose of sharon (Hibiscus syriacus L.)", stem of Common ginger (Zingiber officinale Roscoe), Porous-head eelpout (Bothrocara hollandi), etc.- Revise the names of plant-origin raw materials according to the Korean Plant Names Index of the Korea Forest Service (KFS). Establish the maximum residue limit for a newly registered pesticide (Fenoxasulfone) in foods, and expand the range of target agricultural products for 32 pesticides. Harmonize the use of standards for food additives with the "Standards and Specifications for Food Additives". Revise the supplementary provision of Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Notice No. 2016-154 to allow the application of amended regulations before the enforcement date.
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. 2017-168, 17 Apr 2017 (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): 29 July 2017</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: 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>