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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
<b>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):</b> Food products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Foods. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 290 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_3691_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_3691_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed amendment seeks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revise the list of "Classification of Raw Food Materials":<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Classify "Sablefixh, Black cod (<i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>)" as abyssal fishes;</li></ul></li><li>- Revise the list of "Pesticide ingredients exempted from the establishment of maximum residue limits";</li><li>- Revise the word "Manufacturer" to "Food manufacturer or processor, and livestock products processor";</li><li>- Adopt quantitative concepts for the specification of food poisoning bacteria (<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> and <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>);</li><li>- Revise the manufacturing and processing standards for "Brewed vinegar" to permit the use of "Oak wood chip" with the purpose of flavouring;</li><li>- Revise the list of "Raw materials approved for use in foods" and "Raw materials approved for limited use in foods":<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Permit use of "Sword bean (<i>Canavalia gladiata</i>) pod" as food raw material;</li><li>o Clarify the edible part of "Aloe barbadensis (<i>Aloe vera</i> (L.) Burm. f.)";</li><li>o Clarify the requirement for "Velvet bean (<i>Mucuna pruriens</i>)" use;</li></ul></li><li>- Establish and revise the maximum residue limits for 105 pesticides (Iminoctadin, Daminozide, Metalaxyl, etc.) in agricultural and livestock products;</li><li>- Establish and revise the maximum residue limits for 18 veterinary drugs (Gentamicin, Nicarbazin, Neomycin, etc.) in livestock products.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2017-290, 7 August 2017 (available in Korean)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 October 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a>.</p> <p>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>