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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: 374 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_3690_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establish the specifications (non-detection) for five food poisoning viruses in water for food:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Hepatitis A and B virus, Rotavirus, Enteric adenoviridae, Sapovirus;- Establish and revise the maximum limits for heavy metals (lead, cadmium) in agricultural products and fishery products:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Lead: Apple, Mandarin, Berries (0.2→0.1); Perilla seed (0.3); Bellflower root, Deodeok root (0.2→0.1); Squid (1.0); Crustacean (1.0→0.5); Sea mustard (0.1);o Cadmium: Bellflower root (0.2→0.1); Squid (1.5); Sea mustard (0.1);- Revise the application criteria of maximum residue limits for pesticides according to the entire adoption of positive list system;- Establish the maximum limit for histamine in Japanese amberjack, Yellowtail (<i>Seriola quinqueradiata</i>);- Add two newly indentified analogues of anti-impotence drug and five medicinal ingredients to the list of "Substances that shall be not detected in food":<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Analogues of anti-impotence drug: Isopropylnortadalafil, Descarbonsildenafil;o Medicinal ingredients: Phenolphthaleine, Yohimbine, Icarine, Sennoside, Cascaroside;- Revise the definition and the manufacturing and processing standards for "Sesame seed oil" and "Perilla seed oil";- Delete endangered spices from the list of "Raw materials approved for use in foods":<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Silky shark (<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>), Porbeagle, Beaumaris shark, Porbeagle (<i>Lamna nasus</i>), Oceanic whitetip shark (<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>);- Establish and revise the maximum residue limit for 110 pesticides (Iminoctadine, Norflurazon, Deltamethrin, etc.).

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.
8.	<p>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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2017-289, 7 August 2017 (available in Korean)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 October 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>
13.	<p>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.</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>