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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> 323 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_4657_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_4657_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed amendment seeks to: 1. Revise the "Ingredients Approved for Use in Food" and "Ingredients Approved for Limited Use in Food" lists as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Use condition for Wilford's swallow-wort (<i>Cynanchum wilfordii</i> (Maxim.) Hemsl.) is established to allow only the water extract of tuberous root of Wilford's swallow-wort to be used in food.</li><li>- The names of food ingredients are revised and duplicated food ingredients are combined for clarification.</li><li>- Six fishery products and four microorganisms are added to "Ingredients Approved for Use in Food" list or "Ingredients Approved for Limited Use in Food" list.</li></ul> 2. Revise the Preservation and Distribution Standards for "Other processed fish meat products" with low moisture; several types of "Beverages"; and frozen products which are transported by delivery service. 3. Establish the food type, manufacturing/processing standards and acid value standard, etc. of "Fish oil". 4. Revise the microbiological limits for several food types as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bacteria count limits for "Coffee" and "Other foods for infants/young children".</li><li>- Cronobacter spp. limit for foods for infants/young children.</li></ul> 5. Establish and revise the maximum residual limits (MRLs) for pesticides in agricultural products as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MRLs for 78 pesticides, including Deltamethrin, are revised or newly established.</li><li>- MRLs for 237 unregistered pesticides are indicated as provisional MRLs.</li></ul> 6. Revise the "General Test Methods".
<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>

<p><b>8. 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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2017-366, 29 September 2017 (available in Korean)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <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>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 December 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>
<p><b>13. 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:</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>