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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 Oceans and Fisheries
<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> Living Modified Organisms (LMOs)
<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> Countries exporting fisheries and marine related LMOs to the Republic of Korea <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Amendment of Public Notice related to the enforcement of "Transboundary Movement, Etc. of Living Modified Organisms Act" (hereinafter "the Act"). Regulation Title: (Ministry of Oceans & Fisheries, MOF) Draft Amendment of Public Notice of the Korean Government related to Transboundary Movement, Etc. of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 28 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/KOR/18_0351_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/KOR/18_0351_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This public notice is to make the Act consistent with its primary laws or other provisions mentioned in the public notice and to revise other details: making compulsory the application for risk assessment of new marine and fisheries LMOs, which is being defined as discretionary with regard to their safety management; and, if marine and fisheries LMOs are imported without license, discarding or returning those imported LMOs regardless of their proportion. A. To make compulsory the application for the risk assessment of new LMOs, which is being defined as discretionary, the same as in Article 7(2) of the Act. (Article 7-1); B. If marine and fisheries LMOs are imported along with other living organisms without license, such LMOs should be discarded or returned regardless of their proportion just as the unapproved or unreported LMOs are treated under Article 7-36 of the Act. (Article 7-15); C. To add research and production process facilities so that the scope of follow-up management of marine and fisheries LMOs can be consistent with the scope defined in Article 36 of the Act. (Article 7-27); D. To add the procedure to notify the inspection result of the imported marine and fisheries LMOs. (Article 7-33).
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

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> The Draft Amendment of Public Notice notified here is consistent with the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity.</p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries Advance Notice No. 2017-905, 30 October 2017 (available in Korean).</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for comments.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for comments.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> As soon as possible after the final date for comments.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 March 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Marine Ecology Division  Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries  Government Complex Sejong, 5-dong, 94, Dasom-2ro, Sejong  30110, Republic of Korea  Tel.: +(82 44) 200 5317  Fax: +(82 44) 200 5319  E-mail: jimok@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Relevant document (Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries Advance Notice No. 2017-905, 30 Oct 2017) is available in Korean from the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries website at <a href="http://www.mof.go.kr">http://www.mof.go.kr</a></p> <p>Also available from:  Marine Ecology Division  Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries  Government Complex Sejong, 5-dong, 94, Dasom-2ro, Sejong  30110, Republic of Korea  Tel.: +(82 44) 200 5317  Fax: +(82 44) 200 5319  E-mail: jimok@korea.kr</p>