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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 additives
<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 Food Additives. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 34 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/KOR/18_3186_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/KOR/18_3186_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives". 1. The provisions which are about allowing naturally occurred food additives are newly established; 2. The standards and specifications of the following food additive are newly established: Peroxyacetic acid; 3. The specifications of the following food additive are revised: Koji; 4. The standards for the use in milk formulas etc. of the following 14 food additives are revised: Guar gum, Glycerin esters of fatty acids, Lecithin, Locust bean gum, Vanillin, Food starch modified, Arabic gum Calcium L-ascorbate, L-Ascorbyl palmitate, Ethyl vanillin, Lactic acid, Carrageenan, d-Tocopherol concentrate (mixed), Pectin.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b>

<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>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2018-251, 15 June 2018 (available in Korean)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>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>
<b>11.</b>	<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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<b>12.</b>	<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): 19 August 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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 1564 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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 1564 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>