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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 additives
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 Food Additives. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 31 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_2653_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives": 1) The synonym and INS No. for sucrose esters of fatty acids are added; 2) The definition of natural flavouring substances is revised, to include the microbiological or enzymatic processes as the manufacture method of natural flavouring substances; 3) 114 compounds for the synthetic flavouring substances are newly allowed; 4) The standards for the use of the following 10 food additives are revised: Gold leaf, Sorbic acid, Potassium sorbate, Calcium sorbate, Sodium Metabisulfite, Potassium Metabisulfite, Sulfur Dioxide, Sodium Bisulfite, Sodium Sulfite, Sodium Hydrosulfite.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:	
9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:	The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2019-222, 30 April 2019 (available in Korean)
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):	To be determined.
Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):	To be determined.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):	To be determined.
[] Trade facilitating measure	
12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):	5 July 2019
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13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:	Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at http://www.mfds.go.kr . Also available from: 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 1597 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr