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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
3.	<b>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
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>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> 39 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_4007_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_4007_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The proposed amendment seeks to: 1. Revise the limit for 3-MCPD in acid-hydrolysed soy sauce and blended soy sauce; 2. Establish a standard for amnesic shellfish poison (domoic acid) in shellfish and crustaceans; 3. Revise the limit for heavy metal (lead) in 'Candies'; 4. Establish "Foods containing milk or milk products" as a new food type for foods mainly made of milk or milk products which do not meet the definition of "Milk products"; 5. Revise the maximum residual limits of pesticides for agricultural products: – 70 pesticides including Glyphosate.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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 <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>	
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>	Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2019-335, 8 July 2019 (available in Korean)
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b>	To be determined.
<b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b>	To be determined.
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b>	To be determined.
<b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>	
<b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b>	16 September 2019
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