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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): The following categories of food have been returned from the customs after Cs-134 or Cs-137 was detected between March 2011 and July 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Processed food (10): solid tea, infused tea, other processed products, processed saccharide products, other processed fishery products, beverage base, processed chocolate products, instant coffee, roasted coffee, natural spice;- Agricultural produce (3): <i>Elettaria cardamomum</i> Maton, blueberries, coffee beans;- Food additive (2): mixed preparations, alkali additives for noodle preparations;- Health functional food (2): Zinc supplement, bilberry extract. (Food categorization is based on Korea Food Code, Korea Food Additive Code, Korea Health Functional Food Code.)
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: Notification on increasing samples for radionuclides testing at the border. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_4618_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: Since major nuclear power plant accidents, Korea has strengthened testing of Cs-134, Cs-137 and I-131 for imported food at the border. Based on the analysis of test data for recent five years, inspectors will collect the double amount of samples for radionuclides testing at the border. The products under increased sampling are limited to the food categories which have been returned from the customs after Cs-134 or Cs-137 was detected. Currently inspectors collect 1 kg of samples from each lot by random sampling plans. Inspectors will collect 2 kgs of samples from each lot to assure representativeness of the sample.
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):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Notification on increasing samples for radionuclides testing at the border, 21 August 2019 (available in Korean)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 21 August 2019</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 21 August 2019</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 August 2019</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 October 2019</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>13. Text(s) available from: <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>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at http://www.mfds.go.kr. 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 1564 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfds@korea.kr</p>