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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, food-contact surface sanitizing solutions, food utensils, containers and packages, food ingredient, livestock products
<b>4. 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:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed Draft Amendments to the Approval Standard of Temporary Standards and Specifications for Food etc. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean . <b>Number of pages:</b> 82 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/KOR/20_4616_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/KOR/20_4616_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the Approval of Temporary Standards and Specifications for Food etc. 1. The approval process of genetically modified food additives is revised. 2. The approval period of natural food additives is unified with the approval period of food additives. 3. New provision to reject illegally submitted application is added. 4. Other requisites including application forms etc. are revised.
<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"/> 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

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <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. 2020-316, 27 July 2020 (available in Korean)</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <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.  <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): 28 September 2020</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: +(8243) 719 1569  Fax: +(8243) 719 1550  E-mail: <a href="mailto:intmfs@korea.kr">intmfs@korea.kr</a></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>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a>. 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, 363-700, Korea  Tel: +(8243) 719 1554  Fax: +(8243) 719 1550  E-mail: <a href="mailto:intmfs@korea.kr">intmfs@korea.kr</a></p>