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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures** 

## **NOTIFICATION**

1.	Notifying Member: REPUBLIC OF KOREA  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 products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[ ] 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> 7
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/KOR/16_0395_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to:
	<ol> <li>Establish requirement for edible insects to comply with the standards for breeding of insects according to the Act on Fosterage and Support of the Insect Industry;</li> <li>Establish maximum residue limits of heavy metals in edible insects:         <ul> <li>Maximum residue limits for lead (0.1ppm), cadmium (0.05ppm) and arsenic (0.1ppm) in mealworm (<i>Tenebrio molitor</i> L.);</li> <li>Maximum residue limits for lead (0.3ppm) and cadmium (0.3ppm) in two-spotted cricket (<i>Gryllus bimaculatus</i>).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[]Yes []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: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2016-28, 27 January 2016 (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: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2016

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