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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 products (Living modified organisms, LMO)
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 of the "Notification on Transboundary Movements, etc. of Living Modified Organisms (hereinafter, "LMO")". Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 9 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_3532_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: 1. clearly provide duties of Regional Office of Food and Drug Safety in fields auditing of companies which apply for LMO Import Approval (Article 8-10); 2. provide legal basis for establishing and operating advisory committees for Socio-economic Assessment of Living Modified Organisms for foods (Article 8-11); and 3. 3. clarify specific standards of Establishment and Operation of Production Facilities Using LMO according to the safety management level (Article 8-13).
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:	Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2021-174, 21 April 2021 (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):	18 July 2021
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