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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 Trade, Industry and Energy
<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> Living modified organisms (LMOs)
<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> Draft partial amendment of the Transboundary Movement, etc. of Living Modified Organisms Act. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 30 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_4182_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_4182_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Through the introduction of the Preliminary Review System, low-risk LMOs in which foreign gene has not been introduced to the final product shall be exempted from risk review and approval on the import, production and contained use;</li><li>2. Under the current law, LMOs (including animals, plants, and microorganisms) that have introduced drug-resistant genes must obtain the approval when they are imported and developed. In the amendment, the scope of approval has been reduced from living organisms to living microorganisms;</li><li>3. The provision on the establishment and operation of confined field trial areas was created and the confined field trial areas shall be separately managed from research facilities to unify the management system.</li></ol>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" 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 <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<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>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>          MOTIE Public Notice No. 2021-421 (26 May 2021) (available in Korean)</p>
10.	<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>
11.	<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>
12.	<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): 15 August 2021  <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:          Bio-Convergence Industry Division          Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy          Government Complex-Sejong, 402, Hannuri-Daero, Sejong-si 30118          Republic of Korea          Tel: +(82) 44 203 4396          Fax: +(82) 44 203 4731          E-mail: kooku757@korea.kr</p>
13.	<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:          Documents are available from the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy website at <a href="http://www.motie.go.kr">http://www.motie.go.kr</a>. Also available from:          Bio-Convergence Industry Division          Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy          Government Complex-Sejong, 402, Hannuri-Daero, Sejong-si 30118          Republic of Korea          Tel: +(82) 44 203 4396          Fax: +(82) 44 203 4731          E-mail: kooku757@korea.kr</p>