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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
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Food Additives. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 110 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_5020_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_5020_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives". <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>In order to distinguish clearly mixed preparations from foods, the provisions for mixed preparations are revised.</li><li>the following 2 food additives are classified according to manufacture process and ADI based on CODEX classification Carmel Color → Carmel Color I, Carmel Color II, Carmel Color III, Carmel Color IV Glycerin Esters of Fatty Acids → Diacetyltartaric Acid and Fatty Acid Esters of Glycerol, Glycerin Esters of Fatty Acids, Polyglycerol Esters of Fatty Acids, Polyglycerol Esters of Interesterified Ricinoleic Acid</li><li>The standards for the use of the following 16 food additives are revised: Carmel Color I, Carmel Color II, Carmel Color III, Carmel Color IV, Diacetyltartaric Acid and Fatty Acid Esters of Glycerol, Flavoring Substances, Natural Flavoring Substances, Polyglycerol Esters of Fatty Acids, Polyglycerol Esters of Interesterified Ricinoleic Acid, Sulfites(Sodium Metabisulfite, Potassium Metabisulfite, Sulfur Dioxide, Sodium Bisulfite, Sodium Sulfite, Sodium Hydrosulfite), Synthetic Flavoring Substances</li><li>The analytical methods for the following 5 food additives are revised. Arabic Gum, Cross-Linked Sodium Carboxymethyl Cellulose, Sodium Methoxide, Sodium Selenite, Zinc Gluconate</li><li>The provision concerned micro-organism used for manufacture of food additives in Annex 1 is clearly revised.</li></ol>

7.	<b>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.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><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>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2021-000, 28 July 2021 (available in Korean)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></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): 1 October 2021</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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: +(82 43) 719 1564  Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550  E-mail: intmfds@korea.kr</p>

**13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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