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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): Livestock products
- Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 [X] All trading partners
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 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Proposed amendments to the labelling standards for livestock products Language(s): Korean Number of pages: 62

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/KOR/16_1628_00_x.pdf

- 6. **Description of content:** The regulation for the labelling of livestock products has been revised in order to simplify the labelling method and to prevent any confusion among operators.
 - The following indicates the proposed amendments:
 - 1. Introduction of mandatory labelling of meat content in meat processing products (ham, sausage, etc.);
 - 2. Clarification of the labelling method for frozen products and refrigerated products:
 - Introduction of mandatory labelling of frozen products or refrigerated products on the principal display panel;
 - 3. Introduction of exceptional clauses for the labelling requirement:
 - When a product is directly supplied to a chain store (not to the final consumer) with the labelling information provided through the point of sale system, the information for labelling can be omitted;
 - 4. Adjustment of standards in order to be harmonized with the Labelling Standards for foods:
 - Clarification of display panel as principal display panel and information display panel by defining their terms;
 - Requirement for a font size of 10 or greater to be used when displaying labelling information;
 - Permitted use of weight or volume units regardless of solid or liquid contents;
 - For the labelling of imported livestock, it is permitted to use labelling according to Korean orthography principles of foreign languages.

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.

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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 NOTIFICATION No. 2016-160 (20 April 2016) Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. 10. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, 11. 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): 28 June 2016 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Cheongwon-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: + (82 43) 719 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr 13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Documents are available from the Korea Ministry of Government Legislation website at http://www.law.go.kr. Also available from: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Cheongwon-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: + (82 43) 719 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr