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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): Testing laboratories (foods, livestock products, pharmaceutical drugs, traditional Korean medicine, medical devices, cosmetics)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Proposal to Amend the Testing and Inspection of Food and Drugs Act Language(s): Korean Number of pages: 17
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/KOR/16 2004 00 x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This proposal seeks to:
	a. Prohibit MFDS issued certificate rental behaviour of testing laboratories;b. Establish a legal basis for appointing laboratory supervisors who have knowledge and experienced in related area.
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: Testing and Inspection of Food and Drugs Act (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): 22 July 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:

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Documents are available from the Korea Ministry of Government Legislation website at http://www.law.go.kr.

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