



**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> 85 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/KOR/22_2915_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/KOR/22_2915_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives": 1) The standards and specifications of Hydroxypropylmethylcellulose who is used for the production of food supplements dissolved in intestines are newly established; 2) The specifications of Steviol Glycoside and Enzymatically Modified Stevia are revised: Rebaudioside E, M, N and O are added in the group of compounds for assay; 3) The standards for the use of Calcium Silicate are revised to use it for the production of food supplements; 4) 11 amino acids such as following are allowed to be used in baby and infant foods: L-alanine, L-aspartic acid, L-cysteine hydrochloride, L-glutamic acid, L-glutamine, L-glycine, L-histidine hydrochloride, L-lysine, L-lysine hydrochloride, L-proline, L-serine; 5) The functional classes recognized in CODEX for the following 24 food additives are added: Acetic acid, DL- Alanine, Arabic gum, Calcium acetate, Calcium carbonate, Calcium chloride, Calcium sulfate, Carnauba wax, Crude magnesium chloride (sea water), Diacetyltartaric acid and fatty acid esters of glycerol, Food starch modified, Glacial acetic acid, Glycerin esters of fatty acids, Glucono- $\delta$ -lactone, Guar gum, Lecithin, Karaya gum, Locust bean gum, Magnesium chloride, Magnesium sulfate, Methyl ethyl cellulose, Polyglycerol esters of fatty acid, Potassium lactate, Vitamin C; 6) The analytical methods for the following nine food additives are revised: Calcium phosphate dibasic, Calcium phosphate monobasic, Ferric phosphate, Ferric pyrophosphate, $\alpha$ -Galactosidase, Milk clotting enzyme, Oxygen, Polyvinyl acetate, Potassium glycerophosphate.

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> The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2021-172, 13 April 2022 (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"/> 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): 24 June 2022</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 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: <a href="mailto:intmfd@korea.kr">intmfd@korea.kr</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</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>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a>. Also available from:</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 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: <a href="mailto:intmfd@korea.kr">intmfd@korea.kr</a></p>