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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
3.	<b>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> Foods
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> The proposed amendment of the Enforcement Regulation of the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control <b>Language(s):</b> Korean <b>Number of pages:</b> 18 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/KOR/16_2923_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/KOR/16_2923_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The amendment seeks to impose stricter checks on the products imported by dishonest importers.
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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2016-274 (20 July 2016) (available in Korean)

10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2 September 2016  <b>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:</b>  International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do Tel: +(82 43) 719 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr
13.	<b>Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  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:  International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do Tel: +(82 43) 719 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr