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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): Food additives
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Proposed amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Food Additives. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 71 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/KOR/16_3720_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives. <ol style="list-style-type: none">The standards and specifications of the following food additive are newly established: Cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose.The definition or description of following four food additives are revised: Carbon dioxide, silicon dioxide, β-glucanase, Kuk.The specifications including test methods for identity and purity of 17 food additives are revised: Monosodium L-glutamate, dammar gum, calcium oxide, steviol glycoside, rice bran wax, oxystearin, quillaia extract, silicon resin, magnesium carbonate, calcium carbonate, tert-butylhydroquinone, polysorbate 80, polyisobutylene, aluminium potassium sulfate, enzymatically modified stevia, mixed preparations containing carbonates, mixed preparation containing sodium saccharin.The standards for the use of the following 12 food additives are revised: Sorbic acid, potassium sorbate, calcium sorbate, sodium saccharin, calcium oxide, calcium stearoyl lactylate, magnesium L-lactate, potassium lactate, potassium carbonate anhydrous, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, polyethylene glycol.
7. Objective and rationale: <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>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2016-332, 30 August 2016 (available in Korean)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 November 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</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 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at: http://www.mfds.go.kr. 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 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>