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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: The 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: 65 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/KOR/23_12809_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives" as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Seven food additives such as the following are newly allowed: Potassium dihydrogen citrate, Monosodium Citrate, Magnesium di-L-Glutamate, Monocalcium di-L-Glutamate, Potassium acetate, Menaquinone-7, Adsorbent resin;2) Sulfur dioxide residue standards have been newly established at "less than 0.20 g/kg" to allow the use of sulfites in "non-alcoholic beverages made from fruit wine";3) A regulation is newly established to exempt the application of use level of food additives for imported foods which are used as raw materials for in-house product manufacturing;4) The regulation in Annex 1, Matters concerning Application for Establishment of Standards and Specifications of Food Additives and Revision of Use Level, has been relaxed to specify that the submission of 'Usage Status in Foreign Countries' data is required only when necessary, rather than being mandatory;5) The synonyms of two synthetic flavouring substances are corrected;6) The names of two components of food-contact surface sanitizing solutions are corrected;7) The analytical methods for the following 6 food additives are revised: α-Glucosidase, Dextranase, Methyl cellulose, Shellac, Phospholipase, Ferric pyrophosphate.
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.

<p>8. 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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <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>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 December 2023</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>