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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Notifying Member: REPUBLIC OF KOREA 1. 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 products 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: Proposed Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Foods. Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 443 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/KOR/16 4376 00 x.pdf 6. Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: 1. Expand the list of Raw materials permitted to be used in foods. Add commodities such as Allomyrina dichotoma, Protaetia brevitarsis, Kajime (Ecklonia cava), the bulbil of East Asian mountain yam (Dioscorea batatas Decaisne) and Weissella cibaria into the list. 2. Establish and revise the maximum residue limits for two newly registered pesticides (Cyclaniliprole and Pyflubumide) in foods, and expand the range of target agricultural products for 90 pesticides. 3. Etablish and revise the maximum residue limits for certain veterinary drugs (Cyproheptadine, Iodohydroxy quinoline sulfonic acid and Flumethasone) in foods. 4. Modify the terminologies and wordings in the Standards and Specifications for Foods. Establish definitions for certain terminologies such as infants and children. 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

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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: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2016-674, 11 October 2016 (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*): 18 December 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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13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at: <u>http://www.mfds.go.kr</u>. 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