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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 Oceans and Fisheries
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> All live aquatic animals (fish, molluscs and crustaceans) and chilled or frozen shrimp, and live amphibian (HS codes: 0301, 0306, 0307, 0106)
4.	<b>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>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed amendment to the "Aquatic Organism Disease Control Act". <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 85 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KOR/24_01875_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KOR/24_01875_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Some revisions are made to Enforcement Rule of the Aquatic Organism Disease Control Act as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Three kinds of amphibian diseases (Infection with <i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i>, <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i>, <i>Ranavirus</i> species) are designated as legally-controlled diseases;</li><li>(2) Detailed procedures are formulated regarding registration, cancelation, etc. of Korean processing establishments for export of aquatic animals and products thereof;</li><li>(3) Detailed procedures are formulated regarding registration, modification, extension of the registration, etc. of overseas processing establishments of aquatic animals and products thereof;</li><li>(4) Legal basis is formulated for officials to go in person and inspect how overseas establishments manage and control aquatic animal diseases;</li><li>(5) Legal basis is formulated to take an import suspension measure following the result of the on-site inspection or import risk analysis;</li><li>(6) Legal basis is formulated to carry out import risk analysis after taking emergency measures to prevent the spread of aquatic animal diseases; and</li><li>(7) Other improvements are made regarding domestic disease control procedures, etc.</li></ul>
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b>

<p><b>[X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> Aquatic Animal Health Code: Section 5, Chapter 5.1: General Obligations Related to Certification, Chapter 5.3: OIE procedures relevant to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of World Trade Organization</p> <p><b>[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><b>[ ] None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><b>[X] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Official website of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea (<a href="http://www.mof.go.kr">http://www.mof.go.kr</a>) (available in Korean)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 21 June 2024</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 21 June 2024</p> <p><b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 May 2024</p> <p><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></p> <p>Fisheries Infrastructure and Aquaculture Policy Division Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries Government Complex Sejong 94 Dasom 2-Ro, Sejong Special Self-governing City 30110, Republic of Korea Tel: +(82) 44 200 5625 Fax: +(82) 44 861 9436 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ahnjk90@korea.kr">ahnjk90@korea.kr</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Documents are available from the Korean Ministry of Government Legislation website at <a href="http://www.mof.go.kr/">http://www.mof.go.kr/</a>. Also available from:</p> <p>Fisheries Infrastructure and Aquaculture Policy Division Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries Government Complex Sejong 94 Dasom 2-Ro, Sejong Special Self-governing City 30110, Republic of Korea Tel: +(82) 44 200 5625 Fax: +(82) 44 861 9436 E-mail: <a href="mailto:ahnjk90@korea.kr">ahnjk90@korea.kr</a></p>