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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: 78 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KOR/24_04055_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">(1) The criteria for recognizing naturally occurring propionic acid and benzoic acid in foods have been expanded to include natural occurrences from animal-derived ingredients;(2) The maximum residual amount of sulfites(sodium metabisulfite, potassium metabisulfite, sulfur dioxide, sodium bisulfite, sodium sulfite, sodium hydrosulfite) in the food category 'other alcoholic beverages made from fruit wine' has been revised from 0.030 g/kg to 0.20 g/kg as sulfur dioxide;(3) The standard for the use of hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose phthalate has been expanded to allow its use in capsules specifically for manufacturing delayed-release health functional foods;(4) The standard for the use of propylene glycol has been expanded to allow its use in the food category 'other foods';(5) The editorial corrections have been made to the maximum use levels of colors used in combination;(6) The Korean names of three food additives(maltitol syrup, cyclodextrin syrup, polyglycitol syrup) are changed;(7) The synonym of 1 Synthetic flavouring substance is corrected;(8) The analytical methods for the following 28 food additives are revised: Biotin, Calcium Caseinate, Calcium Oxide, Choline Bitartrate, Choline Chloride, Enzymatically Modified Stevia, Erythritol, Isomalt, Lactitol, D-Maltitol, Maltitol Syrup, Maltogenic Amylase, D-Mannitol, Polyethylene Glycol, Polyglycerol Esters of Interesterified Ricinoleic Acid, Polyglycitol Syrup, Polysorbate 20, Poly-γ-glutamic acid, Potassium Caseinate, Propionic acid, D-Ribose, Sodium Alginate, Sodium Hypochlorite, Sodium Saccharin, Tea Catechin, Xanthan Gum, Xylitol, Zinc Sulfate.

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.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><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): 26 August 2024</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 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p>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>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 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>