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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 products
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: 19 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/KOR/24_07974_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for Food Additives". 1) [Steviol Glycoside] (corresponding to INS No. 960c) obtained by the enzymatic treatment of stevia extract or purified stevia extract will be permitted as a food additive (sweetener); 2) Fermented ethyl alcohol (spirits) will be permitted as a manufacturing solvent for the manufacturing of [Xanthan Gum] and [Gellan Gum]; 3) The analytical methods for [Invertase] and [Ferulic Acid] will be revised: – For invertase, the wavelength for activity measurements will be specified as 515 nm; – For ferulic acid, the indicator will be specified as bromothymolblue (BTB).
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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): General Standard for Food Additives, CODEX STAN 192-1995 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p>[X] Yes [] 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: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>[] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 January 2025</p> <p>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:</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: [] 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 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>