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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: Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)
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): Honey (including honey-containing products) and bee pollen (limited to that produced by honeybees, including pollen containing products) as feed for bees
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Partial amendment to the APQA Notification on (1) the Scope of feed, feed ingredients, equipment, straw litter and other similar items, and (2) Quarantine methods and standards for designated quarantine items. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/KOR/26_02990_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: (1) Added honey and bee pollen as feed for bees to the scope of items subject to animal quarantine; (2) Newly established import requirement, quarantine methods and standards for honey and bee pollen as feed for bees. Key details: Honey and bee pollen as feed for bees must comply with the import requirements and be accompanied by an official veterinary quarantine certificate issued by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country. (Irradiated honey and bee pollen) Honey and bee pollen as feed for bees must be irradiated at an absorbed dose of 15kGy at an irradiation treatment facility. (Irradiation treatment was conducted using Gamma rays emitted from Cobalt-60 (60Co) or Electron beam accelerator not exceeding 10MeV) The irradiation treatment facility must be approved and registered by the exporting country's government and must have been notified to the Korean quarantine authorities prior to export. (Non-irradiated honey and bee pollen) Apiaries and facilities producing honey and bee pollen must meet the following disease-free requirements for honeybee. * Parasitic mites (<i>Acarapis</i> spp., <i>Varroa</i> spp., <i>Tropilaelaps</i> spp. etc); within a 50km radius for at least 2 years prior to the commencement of export quarantine.

* American foulbrood, European foulbrood, Nosemosis, Chalkbrood disease, Sacbrood, Bee paralysis; within a 10km radius for at least 2 years prior to the commencement of export quarantine. Please refer to the attached document for further details.
7. Objective and rationale: ☐ 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): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapters 4.14, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☐ None 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:
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 27 May 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 27 May 2026
11. Proposed date of entry into force: ☒ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 November 2026 ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 August 2026 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs /MAFRA 94 Dasom2-ro, Government Complex-Sejong, Sejong-si, 30110, Republic of Korea Tel: +(82 44) 201 2080/2081 Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449 E-mail: wtoagri@korea.kr
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