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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS)
<b>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):</b> Foods
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> The amendment of Enforcement Rule of Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 26 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_3541_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_3541_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Enforcement Rule of Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control". The amendment includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- If halal attestation is included in an export health certificate, a separate copy of halal certificate will not be required to be submitted;</li><li>- In addition to the export health certificate in paper form, Korea will also recognize electronic version of export health certificate submitted by an exporting government via communication network;</li><li>- The scope of applicable documents required for the exemption of GMO labeling will include a test report issued by a testing agency recognized by the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>	
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>	The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2017-280 (4 August 2017) (available in Korean)
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b>	To be determined.
<b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b>	To be determined.
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b>	To be determined.
<b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>	
<b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b>	7 October 2017
<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>	
<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>	Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a> . 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 1564 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr