NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Korea**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 utensils, containers and packages |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X] All trading partners** **[ ]** **Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Proposed amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Food Utensils, Containers and Packages. **Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 40<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/KOR/17_4381_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for Food Utensils, Containers and Packages":1. The standards and specifications of the following synthetic resin are revised or newly established:

Hydroxybutyl polyester, hydroxybenzoic acid polyester, butylenesuccinate-adipate copolymer (PBSA) and butylenesuccinate copolymer (PBS);1. The test methods or the wording are revised;
2. The reexamination period of regulations are revised.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] 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)*:** **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[****X] 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:** The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2017-367, 29 September 2017 (available in Korean) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 27 November 2017**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:** International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety#187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu, Cheongju-siChungcheongbuk-do, 363-700, KoreaTel: +(82 43) 719 1554Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <http://www.mfds.go.kr>. Also available from:International Cooperation OfficeMinistry of Food and Drug Safety#187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu, Cheongju-siChungcheongbuk-do, 363-700, KoreaTel: +(82 43) 719 1554Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr |