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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 products |
| **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 Foods.**Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 232  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/KOR/20_0160_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  The proposed amendment seeks to:   1. Revise the definition of "Food irradiation treatment" by excluding x-ray used for inspection purpose. 2. Revise the list of "Ingredients of Plant Origin" in the "Classification of Food Ingredients". 3. Revise and clarify the target food products subject to the application of maximum radioactivity limits. 4. Add two newly identified compounds to the list of erectile dysfunction drugs and their analogues, which shall not be detected in foods. 5. Revise the storage and distribution standards to allow temporary thawing of frozen fishery products for the purpose of removing foreign matters, cutting or subdividing the product. 6. Revise the limit of iodine value in "Soybean oil". 7. Revise the "Ingredients Approved for Use in Food" by newly adding 10 ingredients including "*Amphioctopus membranaceus*". 8. Revise the maximum residual limits of veterinary drugs and clarify the substances which are exempted from the application of MRLs. 9. Revise and establish the maximum residual limits of pesticides in agricultural products (83 pesticides including Glufosinate (ammonium)). 10. Revise the General Test Methods. 11. Revise several terms for clarification and harmonization. |
| **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:**  Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2019-595, 30 December 2019. (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)*:** 9 March 2020  **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-si, Chungcheongbuk-do  363-700, Korea  Tel: +(82 43) 719 1554  Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550  E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr |
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