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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Korea  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** The 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):** Health Functional 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 Draft Amendments to the "Standards and Specification for Health Functional Foods"**Language(s):** Korean **Number of pages:** 144  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/KOR/20_0802_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The proposed amendments seek to:   1. Clarify the phrase of regulation 2. Remove the range of "content of functional compounds (or marker compounds)" 3. Revise the prerequisite for making health functional food using "propolis extracts" 4. Revise the warning notices for intake of "Saw palmetto fruit extracts" 5. Add new accreditation content for "Chitooligosaccharide" 6. Revise the document for easy understanding 7. Reflect the changes of "Food Code" and "Food Additives Code" 8. Revise the testing methods (chitosan, phosphatidicolin in phospholipid, etc.) |
| **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. 2020-39, 31 January 2020 (available in Korean) |
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| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 April 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: +(8243) 719 1554  Fax: +(8243) 719 1550  E-mail: intmfds@korea.kr |
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