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 additives |
| **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 Additives.**Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 110<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_5020_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives".1. In order to distinguish clearly mixed preparations from foods, the provisions for mixed preparations are revised.
2. the following 2 food additives are classified according to manufacture process and ADI based on CODEX classification

Carmel Color → Carmel Color I, Carmel Color II, Carmel Color III, Carmel Color IVGlycerin Esters of Fatty Acids → Diacetyltartaric Acid and Fatty Acid Esters of Glycerol, Glycerin Esters of Fatty Acids, Polyglycerol Esters of Fatty Acids, Polyglycerol Esters of Interesterified Ricinoleic Acid1. The standards for the use of the following 16 food additives are revised:

Carmel Color I, Carmel Color II, Carmel Color III, Carmel Color IV, Diacetyltartaric Acid and Fatty Acid Esters of Glycerol, Flavoring Substances, Natural Flavoring Substances, Polyglycerol Esters of Fatty Acids, Polyglycerol Esters of Interesterified Ricinoleic Acid, Sulfites(Sodium Metabisufite, Potassium Metabisufite, Sulfur Dioxide, Sodium Bisulfite, Sodium Sulfite, Sodium Hydrosulfite), Synthetic Flavoring Substances1. The analytical methods for the following 5 food additives are revised.

Arabic Gum, Cross-Linked Sodium Carboxymethyl Cellulose, Sodium Methoxide, Sodium Selenite, Zinc Gluconate1. The provision concerned micro-organism used for manufacture of food additives in Annex 1 is clearly 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. 2021-000, 28 July 2021 (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)*:** 1 October 2021**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 1564Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550E-mail: intmfds@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: intmfds@korea.kr |