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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service (NVRQS) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Animal products imported from any foreign countries
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft NVRQS Notification establishing the scope and criteria of sterilization, pasteurization and processing regarding the imported animal products (7 pages)
5.	<p>Description of content: The National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service is proposing a draft of the scope and criteria for sterilization, pasteurization and processing of the animal products for ensuring effective import quarantine and inspection in accordance with the provisions of Article 20.2 of the Act for Prevention of Livestock Epidemics and Article 15 of its Ministerial Ordinance.</p> <p>Animal products which have been sterilized, pasteurized or processed in compliance with the proposed regulation may not be subject to import animal quarantine and inspection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Sterilization" means the conditions where the products can be transported in sealed container without re-contamination after heat-treatment with saturated steam (for 15-20 minutes at not less than 121°C or for at least 35 minutes at not less than 115°C) or with dry hot air (for 1-2 hours at 160-170°C), or other method equivalent to the aforementioned heat-treatment.• For the products associated with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), the transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) agent inactivation procedures of the OIE Animal Health Code shall be applied. <p>These regulations are not applied to the BSE associated products from BSE affected countries and other countries at risk of BSE affection which were notified to the Members as G/SPS/N/KOR/80 and 85.</p>
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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

7.	<p>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [<input type="checkbox"/>].</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: In general, the document is aligned with the standards, guidelines or recommendations of the OIE and Codex Alimentarius Commission.</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: NVRQS Notice No. 2001-2(23 February 2001) (Available in Korean)</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: The effective date will be given upon publication of the final rule.</p>
11.	<p>Final date for comments: 15 May 2001</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [<input type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [<input type="checkbox"/>] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Quarantine and Inspection Division National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service Tel: 82 31 467 1937 Fax: 82 31 467 1717 E-mail: wooms@nvrqs.go.kr</p>
12.	<p>Texts available from: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] National notification authority, [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Quarantine and Inspection Division National Veterinary Research and Quarantine Service Tel: 82 31 467 1937 Fax: 82 31 467 1717 E-mail: wooms@nvrqs.go.kr</p>