

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Korea Food and Drug Administration Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Foods
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Promulgation of Labelling Guidelines for Genetically Modified Foods (5 pages, available in Korean)
6.	<p>Description of content: The purpose of the proposed guidelines is to ensure the consumers' right to know. These guidelines are promulgated to fulfil the recent amendment of the Food Sanitation Act as well as to respond to the recommendation from the "GM food labelling research council" consisting of 25 GMO experts, including scientists, as well as representatives from consumer groups, the general public, industry and government agencies. The proposed guidelines are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Any predetermined processed foods whose major food ingredient is genetically modified soybean, corn (maize) or soybean sprouts that are subject to labelling according to Article 16 of Agro-Fisheries Product Quality Management Act, are subject to label. However, food products that do not contain the recombinant DNA and foreign proteins due to elimination processes are exempted. A major food ingredient is an ingredient which characterizes the foods or the amount of which the food is one of the top five.- The predetermined food are powdered soybean, powdered corn, corn starch, tofu, soft tofu, processed tofu, soymilk, soybean paste, hot pepper paste, soybean processed products (chunjan, chunggukang), mixed soybean paste (honhapjang), popcorn, formulated foods for infants and children, formulated cereal foods for infants and children, other foods for infants and children using corn or soybean etc.;- Labelling: "Yoojunja Jaejohap Sikipum (translation: Genetically Modified Foods)" or "Youujunja Jacjohap <i>name of ingredient</i> Sayong Sikipum (translation: Use Genetically Modified <i>name of ingredient</i> Foods) in main display panel and "Youjunja Jacjohap <i>name of ingredient</i> (translation: Use Genetically Modified <i>name of ingredient</i>)" in the list of ingredient.

	- The food manufacturers-processors and the import and salesmen of food products have the obligation to label.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To ensure the consumers' rights to know and protect consumers from fraudulence.
8.	Relevant documents: Food and Drug Administration Notification 2000-15, Official Gazette (10 April 2000)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 12 July 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 12 July 2001
10.	Final date for comments: 10 June 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: Department of Food Safety Bureau of Food Safety Korea Food and Drug Administration Tel: +82-2-380-1726, 1727 Fax: +82-2-388-6396