

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Welfare
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food etc.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Revision of the Ministerial Ordinance of Food Sanitation Act
5.	Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Expand the range of temporary standards and specification of food etc. from natural food additives to food additives other than synthetic food additives, instruments, tools, packaging materials and containers.- Allow printing or stamping of the certificate stamp instead of attaching the stamp.- Change foods etc., which are to be used for the acquisition of foreign currencies, from document test category into random sampling inspection category in order to improve imported food safety.- Include the perishable or refrigerated tubers, mushrooms, and spices into the category for the pre-release of imported foods prior to confirmation of test results.- Amend the importation report forms for the electronic document system for imported foods, and allow importation report and notice test results through the electronic system.- Allow a manufacturer to commission freeze drying and spray drying process to the approved food processed plants by the Ministry.- Allow that a medicine processing line may be used for food processing with Ministerial recognition of conformity for food processing line and no possible risk of medicine contaminations.
6.	Objective and rationale: Protect human health and rationalize food control system

7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministry of Health and Welfare, Official Notification 1997-102, Official Gazette 13792 (26 December 1997)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined except the electronic documentation system which will be introduced in January 1998.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined except the electronic documentation system which will be introduced in January 1998.
11.	Final date for comments: 28 February 1998 Agency or authority designated to handle comments:
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Food Industry Division Ministry of Health and Welfare 1 Chungang-dong, Kwachon-city, Kyunggi-do 427-760 Republic of Korea Tel: 82-2-504-6206 Fax: 82-2-504-6207