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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: Ministry of Health and Welfare
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: Foods
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of Presidential Decree of the Food Sanitation Act (Available in Korean, 19 pages)
5.	Description of content: The proposed amendments are taking into account the amendments of the Food Sanitation Act of 12 January 2000. The major purpose of the amendment is to mitigate restrictive controls on food businesses. The proposed amendments are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Delete provisions related to pre-market inspection for selected foods and related to food safety managers in food businesses.– Allow multiple business associations for same types of businesses.– A new business category, called the health-supplement and special dietary foods manufacturing business, is established for foods previously subjected to pre-market inspection. The businesses in the new category are controlled by the Regional Korean Food and Drug Agencies.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Food Sanitation Act, Ministry of Health and Welfare Notification 2000-26, Official Gazette (2000.03.27)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: June 2000
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: July 2000

- 11. Final date for comments:** May 2000
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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