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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 (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Ginseng products
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of standards and specifications for Ginseng products
5.	Description of content: 1. The minimum level of saponin in Ginseng products has been amended in the following manner: - Ginseng extract: 130 mg/g 80 mg/g - Ginseng extract powder: 195 mg/g 120 mg/g 2. A criteria for labelling Ginseng products has been established: - label saponin content of Ginseng products - label respective percentages of tail Ginseng and whole root Ginseng used in products
6.	Objective and rationale: To facilitate the diversification of manufactured food products containing Ginseng and to provide consumers with information on the saponin content of Ginseng products.
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents: Article 4 of the Korean Food Code

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9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: In force since 19 May 1995. Ginseng products containing saponin (exceeding 130 mg/g) manufactured before 18 May 1996, however, are subject to the labelling requirement under the old registration.
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: Food Safety Division Ministry of Health and Welfare 1 Choongang-dong Kwachon, Kyunggi Do Republic of Korea Tel: 81-2-503-7586 Fax: 81-2-504-6207