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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Food additives
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Food Additives. <b>Language(s):</b> Korean. <b>Number of pages:</b> 58 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/KOR/23_10456_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/KOR/23_10456_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives": <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) In [Annex 1], 34 microbial species are added to the list of 'Microorganisms which their safety data may be omitted partially';</li><li>2) The standards and specifications of Iron Oxides are newly established to use it for food supplements;</li><li>3) The definition of the Mixed Preparations is revised, the standards for the use of Hexan is revised;</li><li>4) In the General Rules, the definition of the following four terms is clearly revised: Dried potatoes, Dried Fruits, Dried Vegetables, Dried mushrooms;</li><li>5) The specifications of the following two food additives and the list of Synthetic flavouring substances are corrected: (Food Additive) Calcium citrate, γ-Oryzanol; (Synthetic flavouring substances) one compound listed as duplicate is deleted, the synonyms of four compounds are corrected, and one compound is added;</li><li>6) The analytical methods for the following 13 food additives are revised: Glucose Oxidase, Glucose Isomerase, L-Ascorbic Acid, Sodium Aluminium Phosphate, Acidic, α-Amylase, Invertase, Ferric Phosphate, Calcium Phosphate, Tribasic, Potassium Phosphate, Monobasic, Calcium Phosphate, Dibasic, Calcium Phosphate, Monobasic, Pancreatin, Enzymatically Modified Stevia.</li></ol>
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 August 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu, Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do, 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: <a href="mailto:intmfs@korea.kr">intmfs@korea.kr</a></p>
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