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KOREA - MEASURES CONCERNING THE SHELF-LIFE OF PRODUCTS

Notification of Mutually Agreed Solution

Addendum

The following communication, dated 12 October 1995, from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea is circulated at the request of that delegation.

In accordance with the agreement regarding the shelf-life issue reached between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the United States of America on 20 July 1995 and as a follow-up to Korea's notification on this subject contained in G/SPS/N/KOR/9 of 5 July 1995, I hereby notify of the Harmonized System (HS) headings and sub-headings of the products on which shelf-lives will be changed from 1 October 1995, as shown in the attached annex.

It should also be noted that as the HS codification differs from the classification method employed in the Korean Food Code in basic purpose, nature, scope and coverage, it was technically difficult to describe products in the Korean Food Code in full compliance with the HS headings and sub-headings, since the headings and sub-headings in the Korean Food Code do not perfectly match the HS codes.

Accordingly, the HS headings and sub-headings in the annex are described on the following conditions:

- The HS headings and sub-headings are described only for the purpose of reference. Thus, the scope of the explanatory notes on the HS regulated in the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System can not alter the scope and coverage of the Korean Food Code.
- The description of a certain product under the HS headings and sub-headings does not necessarily mean that all the products under the HS headings and sub-headings are included in the shelf-life change. It simply means that the corresponding product belongs to the HS headings and sub-headings.
- Products imported into Korea should comply with the criteria and specifications provided by the Korean Food Code, even though they have the same HS headings and sub-headings as in the Korea-U.S. Agreement.

The Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea (MOHW) will consider any future comments from WTO Members. In case the HS headings and sub-headings described in the annex are found inappropriate, the MOHW will readjust them.

ANNEX

Products eligible for the
 manufacturer-determined shelf-life system in 1995

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Confectioneries	Dried confectioneries - Deep-frying or oil treating products (exclude biscuits and products which is less than 10% of crude fat) Traditional Korean biscuits and confectioneries Potato and corn chips vacuum packed after nitrogen flushing - Miscellaneous cookies	1905.90 1905.90 2006.00 1904.10 1904.10 1905.90 1904, 1905.30 1905.90
"	Candies	1704.90
"	Chocolates	1704 (only white chocolate) 1806 (excluding 1806.10) 1904 (containing 2% or more of processed cocoa products) 1905 (containing 2% or more of processed cocoa products)
"	Chewing gums	1704.10

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Confectioneries	Jams - Jams, Marmalades, Preserves - Syrups	2007
Sweeteners	Sugar	1701 (excluding 1701.91)
"	Glucose - Liquid glucose - Other glucose	1702.30
"	Fructose - Liquid fructose - Crystalline fructose	1702.60 1702.50
"	Youts (starch syrup, malt syrup, powder, solid yout)	1702.90
"	Sugar syrups	1702.20 1703.10 1703.90
"	Dextrins	3506.10
"	Oligospeccharides	1702 2106.90
Ice creams	Ice creams Ice confectioneries Ice cream powders	2105.00 2105.00 2106.90
Milk & Milk products	Butter milk - Powdered	0403.90 (only dried ones)
"	Condensed milk - Sweetened condensed milk, sweetened condensed skim milk	0402.99
"	Creams - Powdered	0402.29 0402.21
"	Milk powder - Stored under dark - Stored at room temperature	0402
"	Whey - Powdered	0404.10
"	Lactose	1702.10
"	Hydrolyzed milk protein products	2106.90

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Meat & Meat products	Meat products	
	- Dried sausage	1601.00
	Dried mixed sausage	1601.00
	Meat jerky	1602
	- Canned meat and meat products	1602
"	Egg products	
	- Dried	0408.11 0408.91
Fishery products	Fishery products	
	- Dried	1604
Canned / bottled products	Canned products	-
Edible oils	Soybean oil	1507.90
"	Corn oil	1515.29
"	Rapeased oil	1514.90
"	Rice bran oil	1515.90
"	Sesame oil	1515.50
"	Perilla oil	1515.90
"	Safflower oil	1512.19
"	Sunflower oil	1512.19
"	Cottonseed oil	1512.29
"	Peanut oil	1515.90
"	Olive oil	1509
"	Palm oil	1511.90 1513.29
"	Coconut oil	1513.19
"	Beef tallow	1502.00
"	Lard	1501.00
"	Mixed edible oil	1517.90

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Edible oils	Processed fat & oil	1516
"	Shortening	1517.90
"	Margarine	1517.10
"	Hot pepper seed oil	1515.90
"	Kapok oil	1515.90
"	Nica oil	1515.90
"	Miscellaneous edible fat & oil	1515
Noodle products	- Dried noodles, Pastas (Packaged Naeng Myun, Chinese noodle)	1902.19
"	- Instant noodles a. Fried b. Gelatinized dried c. Improved instant noodles	1902.30
Tea products	Soaking tea	0902
"	Extracted tea - Liquid products a. Packed with can b. Others - Solid products a. Packed with can b. Others	2101.20
"	Powdered tea - Packed with can - Others	1901.90
"	Fruit tea - Powdered fruit tea a. Packed with can b. Others - Fruit liquid tea a. Packed with can b. Others	2006.00 2008

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Tea products	<p>Coffee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roast coffee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Packed with synthetic resin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) General packed (b) Vacuum packed b. Packed with can - Instant coffee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Packed with synthetic resin b. Others - Formulated coffee - Liquid coffee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Packed with can b. Others 	<p>0901.2</p> <p>2101.10</p> <p>2101.10</p> <p>2101.10</p>
Beverages	<p>Fruit and vegetable beverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Others (exclude fruits & vegetable juices, without heat treatment) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Packed with paper b. Packed with bottle or synthetic resin c. Packed with can 	<p>2009</p> <p>2202.90</p>
"	<p>Carbonated beverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Packed with synthetic resin - Packed with can 	2202.10
"	<p>Mixed beverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Packed with paper - Packed with synthetic resin - Packed with can 	2202.10
"	Powdered beverage	2106.90
Foods for special dietary uses	Dietary fiber products	2106.90
"	Dietary supplement foods	-
"	Food for special dietary purpose	-

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Health foods	Purified fish oil processed foods - Eel oil products a. Capsuled b. Others - EPA and/or DHA products a. Capsuled b. Others	2106.90
"	Royal-jelly products - Fresh royal-jelly - Miscellaneous	2106.90
"	Yeast products	2106.90
"	Pollen products	2106.90
"	Squalene products Capsuled Others	2106.90
"	Processed algae products Chlorella products Spinuline products	2106.90
"	- linolenic products (primrose oil products) - Capsuled - Others	2106.90
"	Embryo bud products - Embryobudnil products (Wheat embryo bud oil) a. Capsuled b. Others - Embryo bud products	2106.90
"	Soy lecithin products	2106.90
"	Octacosanol products	2106.90
"	Alkoxy glycerol products - Capsuled - Others	2106.90
"	Grape seed oil products - Capsuled - Others	2106.90

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Health foods	Fermented plant extract	2106.90
"	Protein food products - Extracted protein food products - Protein-hydrolyzed food product - Mucopolysaccharide protein products	2106.90
"	Chlorophyll contained products	2106.90
"	Mushroom products	2106.90
"	Apricot extract products	2106.90
"	High calcium products	2106.90
"	Soft-shelled turtle products	2106.90
"	High β - Carotene products	2106.90
"	High Chitosan products	2106.90
"	Propolis products	2106.90
Seasoned foods	Kanjang	2103.10
"	Denjang	2103.90
"	Kochujang	2103.90
"	Chunjang	2103.90
"	Chungkukjang - Dried - Miscellaneous	2103.90
"	Mixed Jang	-
"	Vinegar	2209.00
"	Sauces - Pasteurized - Sterilized - Canned	2103.20 2103.90
"	Tomato Ketchup - Canned or bottled - Tubed	2109.20
"	Curry - Curry powder - Food added curry	0910.50
"	Red pepper powder and shredded pepper	0904.20

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Seasoned foods	Spices products	-
"	Dressing	2103.90
"	Complex seasoned oil	2103.90
"	Flavoring oil	2103.90
Water ices	Edible ice	2301.90
Ginseng products	Ginseng concentrates	1302.19
"	Ginseng powder	1211.20
"	Ginseng tea - Ginseng tea - Ginseng leaf tea - Ginseng liquid tea	2106.90
"	Ginseng beverage - Packed with paper - Packed with can or synthetic resin	2202.90
"	Ginseng canned products - Ginseng can - Ginseng retort food	1211 2106.90
"	Ginseng confectioneries - Ginseng candles - Ginseng gum	2106.90
"	Sugar-soaked ginseng	2106.90
"	Ginseng capsules	1211.20 2106.90
"	Miscellaneous ginseng products	-
Kimchi & pickled foods	Kimchi - Sterilized a. Canned b. Retorted - Pasteurized	2005.90
"	Jeotkals - Jeotkals, liquid jeotkal, seasoned liquid jeotkal - Seasoned jeotkal	1604 1605

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Kimchi & pickled foods	Preserved products - Sterilized a. Canned b. Retorted - Pickled can - Preserved by sugar-dried products - Pasteurized	2001, 2005 2006,2008 2001 2006.00 2001, 2005 2006.00 2008
"	Hard-boiled foods Sterilized a. Canned b. Retorted Pasteurized	-
Alcoholic beverage	Sake (refined rice wine)	2206.00
"	Beer	2203.00
"	Fruit wine	2206.00
"	Soju (distilled liquor)	2208.90
"	Whisky	2208.30
"	Brandy	2208.20 2208.90
"	Miscellaneous distilled liquor	2208
"	Liqueur	2208.90
"	Miscellaneous alcoholic beverage	2206.00 2206.90
Instant foods	Retorted foods	-
Miscellaneous foods	Dried shellfish and fish fillet	0305, 0306 0307
"	Instant dried foods (Dried weight should be more than 50% of the product weight and except grain, grain powder and starch)	-
"	Majoo	2103.90
"	Cocoa powder	1805.00

Products Categories	Products	HS No.
Miscellaneous foods	Cocoa butter	1804.00
"	Peanut and nut products - Products containing more than 80% of peanut butter or nuts - Miscellaneous	0801.00 0802 2007 2008.10
"	Capsules	-
"	Starches - Anti-moisture and more than 3 layer package of Craft-Paper - Other cloth pouch	1108.10
"	Processed fruit and vegetable products - Packed with can - Packed with polyaminated aseptic materials - Others a. Processed fruit & vegetable products (only for solid or paste) b. Fruit & vegetable puree or paste	0712,0803 0804, 0805 0806, 0813 0814, 2002 2006, 2007 2008
"	Honey	0409.00
"	Edible tallow, lard	1502.00 1501.00
"	Imitation cheese	2106.90
"	Vegetable cream (non-dairy)	1517.90 2106.90
"	Animal extracted foods	1603.00
"	Corn for popcorn	1005.90