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KOREA - MEASURES CONCERNING THE SHELF-LIFE OF PRODUCTS

Notification of Mutually Agreed Solution

Communication from the Republic of Korea

Addendum

The following communication titled "Notification of the Corresponding Harmonized System Headings of the Products which Remain subject to Shelf-Life Requirements in the Korean Food Code as of October 1, 1995", dated 26 January 1996, from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea is circulated at the request of that delegation.

1. In accordance with the agreement regarding the shelf-life issue between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the United States of America which was notified to the WTO Dispute Settlement Body and other Committees concerned on July 20, 1995, the Government of the Republic of Korea notifies the WTO Secretariat of the corresponding Harmonized System (HS) headings of all of the products which remain subject to shelf-life requirements in the Korean Food Code as of October 1, 1995. The list of those products is attached hereto<sup>1</sup>.

2. Some products included in the attached list are described in the same HS headings as those of certain products included in the list of products notified to the WTO Secretariat on October 12, 1995, for which shelf-life requirements in the Korean Food Code were removed as of October 1, 1995. This is due to the fact that the HS codification is different from the classification method employed in the Korean Food Code in its basic purpose, nature, scope and coverage. Therefore, the Korean government wishes to make it clear that this notification does not affect the status of the products notified to the WTO Secretariat on October 12.

3. In accordance with the terms of the agreement noted in Paragraph 1, the Korean government will, no later than March 31, 1996, eliminate all shelf-life requirements for every product included in the following categories on the attached list and remove such requirements from the Korean Food Code:

Butters (Category 4-10);  
Natural Cheeses (Category 4-11);  
Processed Cheeses (Category 4-12);  
Infant Foods (Category 12-1); and  
Infant Formula (Category 12-3).

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<sup>1</sup>Not reproduced with this document. Available for consultation in the Legal Affairs Division (Office No. 2140).