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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> Livestock products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed draft of amendment to the labelling standard of livestock products <b>Language(s):</b> Korean <b>Number of pages:</b> 34 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/KOR/13_4972_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/sps/KOR/13_4972_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> In order to simplify labelling method and prevent obligators' confusion the proposed amendments seek to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Harmonize the standards for calorie labelling in weight, precautionary labelling, and nutrient content labelling with 'Labelling Standards on Foods'<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Revise the labelling for calorie from that of one serving the quantity of contents.</li><li>B. Adds contact points for reporting defective and/or adulterated livestock products and caffeine information on the precautionary labelling.</li><li>C. Revise a nutrient content label in the sub-criteria of livestock products to harmonize with food labelling standards.</li></ol></li><li>2. Reflect new category according to the newly 'Proposed Draft Amendments to the Processing Standards and Ingredient Specifications for Livestock Products':<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Revise the name of categories: "seasoned meat", etc.</li><li>B. Exclude "Natural casing" from the definition of "natural" within the category of livestock processed products.</li><li>C. Establish the standards of "one-serving" for new categories: "fermented sausages", etc. [Table 3]</li></ol></li><li>3. Improve the allowable error setting between labelled quantity of contents actual amount. [Proposal-Appendix 2]<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. [Appendix 2] Revise the classification of the allowable error originating from the difference between the labelled amount and actual quantity, from category-wise to weight-wise and capacity-wise.</li></ol></li><li>4. Reflect recently-revised contents of the Korean nutrient intake standards and nutrient standards chart.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Applied in accordance with the Korean nutrient intake standard revised in 2010.</li></ol></li></ol>

	<p>5. Includes 'Sejong Metropolitan Autonomous City' in the Producer Code for eggshell marking.</p> <p>A. With the recent establishment of 'Sejong Metropolitan Autonomous City', a new city code(#17) was added to the 'City and Province Number' for 'Producer Code' of eggshell.</p> <p>6. Supplement the definition of "macronutrient" and "micronutrient" in the nutrition contents label.</p> <p>A. Correct errors in the lists of detail labelling methods of each nutrient ingredient: detail labelling method</p> <p>B. Indicate differences in nutrient contents level by subdividing 'nutrient emphasis label' into each nutrient that corresponds to 'macronutrient' and 'micronutrient'.</p> <p>7. Expand livestock products category subject to labelling, which includes processed meat products manufactured and/or sold by instant processed meat distributors.</p>
7.	<p><b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Korean official government gazette, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Notice No. 2013-187 (available in Korean)</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"/> Trade facilitating measure</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): 18 February 2014</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Ministry of Food and Drug Safety          #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Cheongwon-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do          363-700, Korea          Tel: +(82 43) 719 1554          Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550          E-mail: <a href="mailto:wtokfda@korea.kr">wtokfda@korea.kr</a></p>

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