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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
3.	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): Health/Functional Foods
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Proposed Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Health Functional Foods Language(s): Korean Number of pages: 75. http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/SPS/KOR/14_0073_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: 1. Clarify the application of standards and specifications by: - Including capsule base to be subject to standards and specifications tests for erectile dysfunction medication and other similar substances; - Amending the term 'recommended intake' to 'recommended intake or adequate intake.' 2. Establish standards and specifications for the following functional ingredients: - Hyaluronic acid, Rhodiola rosea extract, Bilberry extract and Garlic. 3. Add health claims in standards and specifications for the following functional ingredients: - Green tea extracts (improving blood cholesterol level), Phosphatidylserine (maintaining moisturized and healthy skin against ultraviolet rays), Chitosan/ Chitooligosaccharide(reducing body fat). 4. Amend the test methods of: - Beta carotene, Vitamin B1, Fatty acid, Phytosterol and Free phytosterol.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex

<p><i>standard or related text)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2013-188, 30 December 2013 Available in Korean</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <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>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 March 2014</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Cheongwon-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <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>Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at http://www.mfds.go.kr Also available from:</p> <p>International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Cheongwon-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>