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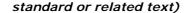
Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: REPUBLIC OF KOREA
 - 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:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] 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/Chitooligosaccaride(reducing body fat).
 - 4. Amend the test methods of:
 - Beta carotene, Vitamin B1, Fatty acid, Phytosterol and Free phytosterol.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex



- [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
- [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
[] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. 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
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 March 2014

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Texts available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at http://www.mfds.go.kr Also available from:

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