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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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): Livestock products
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 Draft Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Livestock Products Language(s): Korean Number of pages: 29
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/KOR/14_1087_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: The proposed amendments seek to:
	 Revise the standard of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> in heated ham types and heated sausage types, natural cheese and processed cheese: Heated ham types, heated sausage types: n=5, c=0, m=0/25g -> n=5, c=1, m=10, M=100 (Sterilized products have to be n=5, c=0, m=0/25g) Natural cheese, processed cheese: n=5, c=0, m=0/25g -> n=5, c=2, m=10, M=100
	 2. Reflect the contents of the recently-revised "Livestock Products Sanitary Control Act" to newly include the following standards: Newly establish a "Skimmed milk" category; Add "Instant processed meat producer" to the list of those who can establish distribution periods of his/her product.
	3. Revise the sampling criteria of liquid samples such as raw milk;
	4. Revise the microbiological test methods.
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 standard or related text)
	[] 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:

The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2014-47, 26 February 2014 (available in Korean)

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

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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*): 29 April 2014

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Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <u>http://www.mfds.go.kr</u>. Also available from:

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