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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 Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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> Live horse(s)
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 amendments to the Import Health Requirements for Live Horse(s) <b>Language(s):</b> Korean <b>Number of pages:</b> 11 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/KOR/15_1467_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/KOR/15_1467_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Import Health requirements for Live Horse(s)". 1) Revise requirements for equine encephalomyelitis in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health code 12.4.2 as below: – Equines for export: a. showed no clinical sign on the day of shipment and during the three months prior to the shipment; and b. were kept in a quarantine station for the 21 days prior to shipment and were protected from insect vectors during quarantine and transportation to the place of shipment; or c. were vaccinated not less than 15 days and not more than one year prior to shipment; 2) Revise requirements for equine viral arthritis (EVA) in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health code 12.9.2 as below: – Agent identification (using semen) can be conducted other than mating method; 3) Revise requirements for equine influenza virus (EIA) to make vaccination obligatory; 4) In order to export equines to the Republic of Korea, the horses should be born in the exporting region or raised in the exporting region or state at least six months prior to the shipment.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</b> (Terrestrial Animal Health Codes 12.4.2 and 12.9.2)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Notice No. 2015-115, 30 March 2015 (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"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 8 June 2015</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Quarantine Policy Division Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs #94 Darom 2-ro, Sejong-Si, 339-012, Korea Tel: +(82 44) 201 2076 Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449 E-mail: wtoagri@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Documents are available from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs website at <a href="http://www.mafra.go.kr">http://www.mafra.go.kr</a>. Also available from:</p> <p>Quarantine Policy Division Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs #94 Darom 2-ro, Sejong-Si, 339-012, Korea Tel: +(82 44) 201 2076 Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449 E-mail: wtoagri@korea.kr</p>