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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
<b>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):</b> Testing laboratories (foods, livestock products, drugs, traditional Korean medicinal substances, medical devices, cosmetics)
<b>4. 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:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposal to Amend the Testing and Inspection of Food and Drugs Act <b>Language(s):</b> Korean <b>Number of pages:</b> 12 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/KOR/15_3007_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/KOR/15_3007_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This proposal seeks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Establish a four year expiration date for the designation of Foreign Official Laboratories.</li><li>b. Establish administrative measures for case where laboratory personnel do not fulfil the mandated annual education.</li><li>c. Establish the legal basis for the operation of Reference Laboratory of Foods and Drugs, so as to provide technical assistance to private laboratories and the final verdict regarding disparate laboratory results.</li><li>d. Extend the scope of testing laboratories that utilize the MFDS Laboratory Information Management System to all testing laboratories, thereby mandating its use.</li><li>e. Include the Director General of the National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation to the scope of authorities that may be commissioned with the authority of the Minister of Ministry of Food and Drug Safety.</li><li>f. Establish penalties for Testing Laboratories that do not report inappropriate testing results.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission</b> (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</b> (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention</b> (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input 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></p> <p>Testing and Inspection of Food and Drugs Act (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): 28 September 2015</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" 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, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si, Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Documents are available from the Korea Ministry of Government Legislation website at <a href="http://www.law.go.kr">http://www.law.go.kr</a>.</p> <p>Also available from: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si, Chungcheongbuk-do 363-700, Korea Tel: +(82 43) 719 1559 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>