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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 Food and Drug Safety
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> Food additives
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 Standards and Specifications for Food Additives <b>Language(s):</b> Korean <b>Number of pages:</b> 2023 <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr/index.do?mid=688&amp;pageNo=1&amp;seq=29559&amp;cmd=v">http://www.mfds.go.kr/index.do?mid=688&amp;pageNo=1&amp;seq=29559&amp;cmd=v</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. General principles for usage and manufacturing of food additives are revised;</li><li>2. The definitions of 31 functional classes are added in general principles, and the functional classes are allocated in respective food additive;</li><li>3. The reactions catalyzed of enzymes are added in definition of a respective enzyme;</li><li>4. The standards and specifications of the following two food additives are newly established: Neotame (as a sweetener), Sodium ferrous citrate (as a nutrient supplement);</li><li>5. The specification of water soluble matters regarding microcrystalline cellulose is revised;</li><li>6. Standards for the usage of following five food additives are revised: Sorbic acid, potassium sorbate, calcium sorbate, acesulfame potassium, caffeine;</li><li>7. Analytical methods for arsenic are revised, and measurement of arsenic by atomic absorption and inductively coupled plasma is newly established.</li></ol>
7.	<b>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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)

<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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2015-390, 27 November 2015 (available in Korean)</p>
<p><b>10. 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>
<p><b>11. 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>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 January 2016</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 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>
<p><b>13. 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 Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a>. Also available from:</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 1554 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr</p>