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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Food products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Procedures and Requirements for On-Site Inspection of Foreign Facilities and Foreign Establishments (MFDS Notice). Language(s): Korean. Number of pages: 65 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/KOR/21_1199_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment seeks to: 1) Revise and streamline the sanitation standards for foreign food facilities and foreign establishments (Annex 1): – Duplicate items in the standards are merged and removed: from 91 items to 71 items; 2) Revise and streamline the checklist for foreign food facilities (Annex 2): – Duplicate items in the checklist for food facilities are merged and removed: from 122 items to 80 items; 3) Revise and streamline the checklist for foreign establishments (Annex 3): – Duplicate items in the checklist for mammal slaughterhouses are merged and removed: from 164 items to 160 items; – Duplicate items in the checklist for poultry slaughterhouses are merged and removed: from 144 items to 142 items; – Duplicate items in the checklist for meat cutting and packaging plants are merged and removed: from 107 items to 102 items; – Duplicate items in the checklist for livestock processing plants are merged and removed: from 109 items to 105 items; – Duplicate items in the checklist for egg packaging plants are merged and removed: from 77 items to 76 items; 4) Revise and streamline miscellaneous provisions (Attached Forms 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, Attached Form 2): – A due date for a reply to MFDS' official statement on on-site inspection is added (MFDS Notice, Article 5, paragraph 2, subparagraph 2); – Wording has been updated and modified.

7.	Objective and rationale: <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>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2021-062, 9 February 2021 (available in Korean)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <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>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 March 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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 Tel: +(82 43) 719 1569 Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550 E-mail: intmfs@korea.kr</p>