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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- 1. Notifying Member: REPUBLIC OF KOREA
 If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website
 addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments
 regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Documents
 are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website
 (http://www.mfds.go.kr). Also available from:

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food Labelling.
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Establishing Labelling Standard for Genetically Modified Foods (13 pages available in Korean).
- **Description of content:** The drafted establishing the labelling standard for Genetically Modified Foods redefines GMO labelling of Agro-Fishery products and processed foods regarding the definitions, scopes of labelling, responsible persons, labelling methods, etc, in order to prevent confusion amongst consumers.
 - Unify the terms "Genetically Modified Food" or "Genetic Recombinant Food" into "Genetically Modified Food";
 - Define that an "unintentionally presence" is equal to or less than 3%.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To provide correct information regarding Genetically Modified foods to consumers.
- 8. Relevant documents: MFDS NOTIFICATION No 2013-293
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

- **10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from date of notification.
- 11. Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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