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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u>
  If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS)

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:

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 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): Livestock products
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Regulation for the Labelling of Livestock Products (5 pages, in Korean)
- **6. Description of content:** The regulation for the labelling of livestock products has been revised in order to simplify labelling method and prevent obligators' confusion.
  - 1. Adjust terms to harmonize with the Labelling Standards for Foods;
  - 2. Specify the labelling method of production date for packed meat, etc.;
  - 3. Introduce mandatory labelling of item manufacturing report number to facilitate systematic management of livestock products and their monitoring tasks (not for the imported products but for domestic products);
  - 4. Introduce mandatory labelling of mechanically deboned meat when used as raw materials;
  - 5. Expand the range of mandatory labelling on allergic materials (from 12 to 24) and improve the labelling method by letting allergic materials labelled in a separated column in ingredients;
  - 6. Improve regulations on the labelling of solid contents in meat extracted products: Regulation on the labelling of solid contents is to provide information on the final extract concentration to consumers. However, if raw materials extract remains intact in the product, or for products without extracts, it is not necessary to label solid; contents. They are exempted from mandatory labelling.

- 7. Expand processed livestock products category subject to labelling nutrition information: Adds ham to products category subject to labelling nutrition information:
- 8. State error range of labelling caffeine contents in the labelling standards: Establish basis regulations for the error range of caffeine, and specify error range of labelling caffeine contents.(the information of caffeine should be labelled when the concentration of caffeine is more than 0.15mg per 1ml);
- 9. Clarify labelling method of heat treatment of processed meat by classifying it into "sterilized product", "pasteurized product", and "non-pasteurized product";
- 10. Introduce mandatory labelling of milk product made from non-pasteurized raw milk: When a product is made from non-pasteurized milk or milk products, 'non-pasteurization' must be labelled in its ingredients.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of consumers and promotion of public health
- 8. Relevant documents: MFDS Notification No. 2014-385 and No. 2015-15
- **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. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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