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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:** Environment-Friendly Agriculture Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)

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:

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 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): Organic processed foods
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Abolishment of the public notice on the types of usable foreign organic processed foods by verification of compliance with standards
- 6. Description of content:
  - Abolishment of the Public Notice on the Types of Usable Foreign Organic Processed Foods by Verification of Compliance with Standards which has been effective on 4 November 2013 (No. 2013-29);
  - This public notice enters into force after a year from the day of promulgation in order to exhaust the rest of raw materials;
  - The organic processed foods that have been made from (of) the materials listed in Annex 1, Types of Usable Foreign Organic Processed Foods by Verification of Compliance with Standards before the effective date of this public notice shall be recognized as organic processed products until the expiration date.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Some organic processed products certified by foreign certifying bodies have been used exceptionally as raw materials for Korean organic processed products so far under the public notice (No. 2013-29) of MAFRA. However, the notice is no longer needed to be kept for supplying raw materials under equivalency arrangement concluded. Consequently the notice is needed to be revoked.
- **8. Relevant documents:** Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Notification No 2013-291, 4 November 2013 (available in Korean)
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: May 2015 or later

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10. Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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