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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: Korea Forest Service (KFS) 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: 189, Cheongsu-ro, seo-gu Daejeon, 35208 Republic of Korea Tel.: (+82) 42 481 4085 E-mail: earlybird36@korea.kr Website: http://www.forest.go.kr
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): Sawn timber, nonstructural glued laminated timber and glued laminated board
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft of Standard and Specification of Wood Products (52 pages, in Korean)
6.	Description of content: Standard and Specification of Wood Products were established in order to enhance the quality of wood products and to establish an order related to its distribution in pursuance of the Act on the Sustainable Use of Woods, Article 20 (public notification of criteria for standard dimensions and quality of wood products and inspection thereof). In the present version of the notification, the standard and specification of sawn timber has been included, and the quality standard of nonstructural glued laminated timber and glued laminated board has also been amended.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection by enhancing quality of wood products and establishing order of wood products distribution
8.	Relevant documents: NIFoS notification 2016-6
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 31 December 2016 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2017
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from 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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