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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

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| 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 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: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety 187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro Osong-eup Heungdeok-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do 28162, Republic of Korea Tel: (+82) 43-719-1564 Fax: (+82) 43-719-1550 Email: wtokfda@korea.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): Toilet paper, paper towel, cotton swab, disposable diaper, paper napkin, disposable spoons, forks, knives, chopsticks, dish detergent, dishwasher rinse aid etc. |
| 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed enactment of the "Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act" (26 pages, in Korean) |
| 6. Description of content: The name of the Public Health Act, which regulated control of cleansing & hygiene products, will be changed to the Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act, and following articles will be added to the Act. The main proposed enactment of the "Hygiene Products Control Act" is as follows: a) Introduce the added list of cleansing & hygiene products to be regulated under the Act (Disposable straw, toilet paper, paper towel, cotton swab, disposable diaper etc. will be regulated under the Act). b) The Act stipulates that those who import cleansing & hygiene products to be regulated by the Act. Also, importers should notify their businesses to competent authorities. c) Under the Act, dish detergents and dishwasher rinse aid manufacturers should submit the list of their products. d) Local governments may direct not less than six month of temporary prohibition of production when manufactures failed to comply with paragraph of standard of specification, labelling requirements, false claims, or when manufactures failed to meet the standard of their in-house quality control (these are paragraph 9 to 12 of the Act). |

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| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety |
| 8. | Relevant documents: Proposal No. 2612 (10 October 2016) |
| 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 notification |
| 11. | Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Division Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) 93, Isu-ro, Maengdong-myeon Eumseong-gun Chungcheongbuk-do 27737, Republic of Korea Tel.: (+82) 43 870 5525 Fax: (+82) 43 870 5682 E-mail: tbt@kats.go.kr Website: http://www.knowtbt.kr https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/KOR/16_4563_00_x.pdf |