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KOREA - MEASURES CONCERNING THE SHELF-LIFE OF PRODUCTS

Notification of Mutually Agreed Solution

Revision

Communication from the Republic of Korea

The following communication titled "Notification of the Corresponding Harmonized System Headings of the Products for which Shelf-Life Requirements were Removed from the Korean Food Code as of October 1, 1995", dated 26 January 1996, from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea is circulated at the request of that delegation.

- 1. This is to replace the letter of October 12, 1995¹ through which the Government of the Republic of Korea notified the WTO Secretariat of the corresponding Harmonized System (HS) headings of the products for which shelf-life requirements were removed from the Korean Food Code as of October 1, 1995.²
- 2. The classification method employed in the Korean Food Code is different from HS codification in its basic purpose, nature, scope and coverage. Therefore, it is technically difficult to describe products in the Korean Food Code in such a way that perfectly matches the HS codes. Accordingly, in some cases, the same HS code will include products for which a shelf-life requirement is removed as well as other products for which a shelf-life requirement still exists. It is necessary to refer to the notification of the products which remain subject to shelf-life requirements in the Korean Food Code as of October 1, 1995³.

¹See WT/DS5/5/Add.1, G/SPS/W/27/Add.1, G/TBT/D/3/Add.1, G/AG/W/8/Add.1

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³See WT/DS5/5/Add.2