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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Korea**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Food and Drug Safety  |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Food products |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X]** **All trading partners** **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Proposed Amendments to the Standards and Specifications for Foods.**Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 39<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_4007_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The proposed amendment seeks to:1. Revise the limit for 3-MCPD in acid-hydrolysed soy sauce and blended soy sauce;
2. Establish a standard for amnesic shellfish poison (domoic acid) in shellfish and crustaceans;
3. Revise the limit for heavy metal (lead) in 'Candies';
4. Establish "Foods containing milk or milk products" as a new food type for foods mainly made of milk or milk products which do not meet the definition of "Milk products";
5. Revise the maximum residual limits of pesticides for agricultural products:
* 70 pesticides including Glyphosate.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[****X]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[ ]****Yes [ ]****No****If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Ministry of Food and Drug Safety Advance Notice No. 2019-335, 8 July 2019 (available in Korean) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.**[ ]****Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 September 2019**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** International Cooperation OfficeMinistry of Food and Drug safety#187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-siChungcheongbuk-do363-700, KoreaTel: +(82 43) 719 1597Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550E-mail: intmfds@korea.kr |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety website at <http://www.mfds.go.kr>. Also available from:International Cooperation OfficeMinistry of Food and Drug Safety#187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-siChungcheongbuk-doTel: +(82 43) 719 1597Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550E-mail: intmfds@korea.kr |