NOTIFICATION

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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 additives |
| **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 Food Additives.**Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 58[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/KOR/23\_10456\_00\_x.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/KOR/23_10456_00_x.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for the Food Additives":1. In [Annex 1], 34 microbial species are added to the list of 'Microorganisms which their safety data may be omitted partially';
2. The standards and specifications of Iron Oxides are newly established to use it for food supplements;
3. The definition of the Mixed Preparations is revised, the standards for the use of Hexan is revised;
4. In the General Rules, the definition of the following four terms is clearly revised:

Dried potatoes, Dried Fruits, Dried Vegetables, Dried mushrooms;1. The specifications of the following two food additives and the list of Synthetic flavouring substances are corrected:

(Food Additive) Calcium citrate, γ-Oryzanol;(Synthetic flavouring substances) one compound listed as duplicate is deleted, the synonyms of four compounds are corrected, and one compound is added;1. The analytical methods for the following 13 food additives are revised:

Glucose Oxidase, Glucose Isomerase, L-Ascorbic Acid, Sodium Aluminium Phosphate, Acidic, α-Amylase, Invertase, Ferric Phosphate, Calcium Phosphate, Tribasic, Potassium Phosphate, Monobasic, Calcium Phosphate, Dibasic, Calcium Phosphate, Monobasic, Pancreatin, Enzymatically Modified Stevia. |
| **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:**   |
| **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)*:** 22 August 2023**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-do, 363-700, KoreaTel: +(82 43) 719 1569Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550E-mail: intmfds@korea.kr |
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