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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## **NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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:

Documents are available from the Ministry of Food and Drug safety (MFDS) website : www.mfds.go.kr

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Hygiene products
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed amendments to the "Enforcement Rules of the Cleansing and Hygiene Products Control Act"; (20 page(s), in Korean)
- **6. Description of content:** The Proposed amendments to the "Enforcement Rules of the Cleansing and Hygiene Products Control Act" are as follows:
  - A. to prescribe requirements for recognition of hygiene products (including the requirement to submit a special reagent for raw materials or testing necessary for temporary recognition of criteria·standards) and to authorize the Minister of MFDS to set and notify other detailed review criteria if necessary;
  - B. to add new criteria for "natural" or "non-addition" in the category of false exaggerated slandering label or advertisement.
  - the label or advertisement likely to mislead the public into believing that the whole product is natural although it is made with chemical synthetics.

- the label or advertisement of "none," "non-addition" or "0%," meaning that any raw material-ingredient-standard prohibited by criteria-standards is not contained or used.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety

8. Relevant documents:

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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:

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