NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Republic of Korea**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs |
| **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):** Natural casing derived from cloven-hoofed animals |
| **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 Import Health Requirements for Natural Casing derived from Cloven-Hoofed Animals. **Language(s):** Korean. **Number of pages:** 10<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/KOR/18_5663_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The proposed amendment seeks to:1. Revise requirements for Salted natural casing derived from cloven-hoofed animals as following, in accordance with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code article 15.1.23 and article 8.8.38.

In case that salted natural casings derived from pigs are originated from countries(regions) that are not allowed to export pork meat to the Republic of Korea, the natural casings must be salted for at least 30 days with dry salt, saturated brine(Aw<0.80), or phosphate supplemented only dry salt containing 86.5 percent NaCl, 10.7 percent Na2HPO4 and 2.8 percent Na3PO4 and must be kept at a temperature of greater than 12°C during this entire period. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X] food safety, [****X] 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)*:****[****X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** Terrestrial Animal Health Code article 15.1.23 and article 8.8.38**[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[ ]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X] 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 Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Notice No. 2018-378, 25 October 2018 (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)*:** 29 December 2018**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:** Quarantine Policy DivisionMinistry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs #94 Darom 2-ro, Sejong-Si, 339-012, KoreaTel: +(82 44) 201 2076Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449E-mail: wtoagri@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 Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs website at <http://www.mafra.go.kr>. Also available from:Quarantine Policy DivisionMinistry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs #94 Darom 2-ro, Sejong-Si, 339-012, KoreaTel: +(82 44) 201 2076Fax: +(82 44) 868 0449E-mail: wtoagri@korea.kr |