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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:** 7  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/KOR/19_0107_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The proposed amendment seeks to:   1. Revise the storage and distribution temperature of refrigerated ground meat and ground meat products; 2. Delete Velvet bean (*Mucuna pruriens*) from the list of the "Ingredients Approved for Use in Food" (Annex 1). |
| **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. 2018-487, 29 November 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. |
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| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 March 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 Office  Ministry of Food and Drug safety  #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si  Chungcheongbuk-do  363-700, Korea  Tel: +(82 43) 719 1564  Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550  E-mail: wtokfda@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 Office  Ministry of Food and Drug Safety  #187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si  Chungcheongbuk-do  Tel: +(82 43) 719 1564  Fax: +(82 43) 719 1550  E-mail: wtokfda@korea.kr |