NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **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:**  International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety 187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdoek-gu Cheongju-si, Chungcheongbuk-do, 28159 Republic of Korea  Tel: (+82) 43-719-1564 Fax: (+82) 43-719-1550 Email: [intmfds@korea.kr](mailto:intmfds@korea.kr) Website: [www.mfds.go.kr](http://www.mfds.go.kr) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **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:** Amendment of "Standards and Specifications for Hygiene Products" (38 page(s), in Korean) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Ministry of Food and Drug Safety of Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Standards and Specifications for Hygiene Products". The main changes proposed are:  1. To clarify category names of cleaning agent from types 1, 2 and 3 to names of specific targets of the use such as fruits, food cooking utensils etc.;  2. To clarify the scope of disposable cups, disposable cotton swabs, facial tissue, and toilet paper;  3. To integrate formaldehyde testing methods for disposable cotton swabs, disposable diapers and wet wipes for food service businesses; and  4. To establish a sampling method for general bacterial testing of disposable cotton swabs. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To ensure consumer health; Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * MFDS Public Notice No. 2021-292 (30 June 2021) |
| **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 [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Korea WTO TBT Enquiry Point Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Division Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) 93 Isu-ro Maengdong-myeon Eumseong-gun Chungchungbuk-do  27737 +(82) 43 870 5525 +(82) 43 870 5682 (Fax) [tbt@korea.kr](mailto:tbt@korea.kr) <http://www.knowtbt.kr>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/KOR/21_4490_00_x.pdf> |