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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> 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 Food and Drug Safety website (www.mfds.go.kr). Also available from: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety 187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro, Osong-eup, Heungdeok-gu, Cheongju-si, Chungcheongbuk-do, 28159 Republic of Korea Tel: (+82) 43 719-1569 Fax: (+82) 43-719-1550 Email: intmfds@korea.kr
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Foods
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed Revision of the "Food Sanitation Act"; (7 page(s), in Korean)
6. Description of content: The proposed amendment is to: - Genetically modified foods and other products manufactured/processed using genetically modified organisms as raw materials, as well as foods and other products manufactured/processed using these as raw materials again, regardless of whether genetically modified proteins, DNA or other components remain, are indicated as genetically modified foods. - By allowing foods and other products manufactured/processed without using genetically modified organisms as raw materials to be labelled as non-genetically modified foods, it aims to strengthen consumers' right to know. - It mandates that food service establishments shall indicate when genetically modified agricultural, fishery, and livestock food products are used as ingredients. Those who violate this requirement will be subject to fines, which aims to further strengthen the public's right to know about genetically modified foods. *For reference, this notification is a request for comments regarding a partial amendment

bill to the Food Sanitation Act proposed in the National Assembly	
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To provide consumers with better information; Consumer information, labelling
8.	Relevant documents: Bill Number 2209981(April 21, 2025)
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 Regulatory Policy Division Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) 93 Isu-ro Maengdong-myeon Eumseong-gun Chungchungbuk-do 27737 Tel: +(82) 43 870 5315 Fax: +(82) 43 870 5682 Email: tbt@korea.kr Website: https://www.knowtbt.kr https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/KOR/25_03100_00_x.pdf