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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:

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## 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 (ex. dish detergent, dishwasher rinse aid, disposable cup·spoon·chopsticks·fork·knife·straw, toilet paper, kitchen paper, paper towel, paper napkin, toothpick, cotton swab, disposable diaper etc )
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed enactment of the "Enforcement Decree of Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act" (20 pages, available in Korean)
- **6. Description of content:** The purpose of this Enforcement Decree is to provide for matters delegated by the Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act and matters necessary for the enforcement thereof.

The proposed enactment of "Enforcement Decree of Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act" includes the following provisions:

(a) The scope of Cleansing & Hygiene product shall be expanded to include disposable panty liner and compressed tissue and dry wipe intended for washing hands. (however, disposable panty liner regulated as quasi-drug under the Article 2.7 (a) of the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act shall not be regulated as Cleansing & Hygiene product)

(b) The criteria for calculation of penalty surcharges imposed pursuant to the main sentence of Article 22(1) of the Act

(c) An official announcement required under Article 23 of the Act shall be made by means of posting the following matters on the Internet web site of the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety or in a general daily newspaper distributed nationwide, registered pursuant to Article 9(1) of the Act on the Promotion of Newspapers: Headline indicating the official announcement of an act violating the Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act, Type of

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business, Name and location of the place of business and the name of the representative, Name of Cleansing & Hygiene Products, Details of a violation, etc.

(d) The criteria for imposition of administrative fines provided for in Article 34(2) of the Act

- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Adoption of "Enhancement Decree of cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act" for safety assurance
- 8. Relevant documents: MFDS Notice No. 2017-349 (29 September 2017)
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** 19 April 2018. 19 October 2018 only applicable to Article 2

10. Final date for comments: 15 December 2017

## **11.** Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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