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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: 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:

Documents are available from the Ministry Food and Drug Safety website

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 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 Rule of Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act" (28 articles, 8 tables, 21 forms, 93 pages, available in Korean)
- **6. Description of content:** The purpose of this Enforcement Rule is to provide for matters delegated by the Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act and the proposed Enforcement Decree of the aforesaid Act, and matters necessary for the enforcement thereof.

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

- a) Attached table 1 of the Enforcement Rule stipulates facilities requirements for cleansing & hygiene product business operator.
- b) Any person who intends to notify his/her business pursuant to Article 3(1) or 3(2) of the Act shall submit an application for business notification to competent authorities after he/she has facilities necessary for business operations. (i.e., a person who intends to start an import business should submit an application to the head of a Regional Office of Food and Drug Safety)
- c) Any person who intends to make an import declaration pursuant to Article 8(1) of the

Act shall submit an import declaration of imported cleansing & hygiene products regulated by the Act to the head of a Regional Office of Food and Drug Safety.

- d) Where the head of a Regional Office of Food and Drug Safety receives an import declaration of imported cleansing & hygiene product, he/she shall conduct an inspection of the relevant imported cleansing & hygiene products in accordance with methods of inspection prescribed in attached Table 3.
- e) Article 16(1) and 16(2) require business operators to complete three or four hours of mandatory hygiene education every year.
- f) Article 17(1) stipulates the following information is to be included in the label: the letter "cleansing & hygiene products", the name of product, the name and location of the business, net weight of product, date of manufacture, ingredients list, etc.
- g) Application, amendment, inspection fees pursuant to the Article 30 of the Act shall be as specified in attached Table 8.
- **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Adoption of "Enforcement Rule of Cleansing & Hygiene Products Control Act" for Safety assurance
- **8. Relevant documents:** MFDS Notice No. 2017-351 (29 September 2017)
- Proposed date of adoption: To be determined
  Proposed date of entry into force: 19 April 2018
- **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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