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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION 韓國 通知-包裝材料和包裝方法

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 Environment

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): Rules on the standards, etc. on packaging materials and packaging methods of products [Attachment 1] Products to which the standards on packaging methods by product type processed food, beverage, alcoholic beverages, confectionery, health functional food, cosmetics, detergents, toy dolls, stationery, miscellaneous goods, quasi-drugs, clothing
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft partial amendment of the "Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources" (7 page(s), in Korean)
- **6. Description of content:** Before the product is released, manufacturers of the product are obligated to inspect the packaging material and packaging method (packaging space ratio and number of packaging) and write down the result on the outside of the packaging. Penalties are imposed if the inspection is not performed or the test results are false, and a fine is imposed if the test results are not wrote down. 在產品上市前,產品製造商有義務檢查包裝材料和包裝方法(包裝空間比率和包裝數量),並在包裝外面寫下結果。倘不執行檢查或測試結果為假,則處以罰款;又倘未寫下測試結果,則處以罰鍰。
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In order to fundamentally reduce packaging waste, it is necessary for manufacturers to be examined on the packaging material and packaging method before product launch, and provide the inspection result to the consumer; Other
- 8. Relevant documents:
 - The National Assembly Bill No. 2105689 (24 November 2020)

• G/TBT/N/KOR/919 (23 September 2020)

9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 April 2021

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2021

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:

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