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:**  Documents are available from the Ministry Food and Drug safety website ([www.mfds.go.kr](http://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, Republic of Korea 363-700  Tel: (+82) 43 719-1564  Fax: (+82) 43-719-1550  Email: [wtokfda@korea.kr](mailto:wtokfda@korea.kr) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****], 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):** Cosmetics |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed amendments to the "Regulation on Safety Standards etc. of Cosmetics" (32 page(s), in Korean) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:**  The amendments seek to:  1) Prohibit the use of certain chemicals in cosmetics  A. Nitromethane, atranol, chloroatranol, hydroxyisohexyl 3-cyclohexene carboxaldehyde (HICC), methylene glycol  B. Chemicals that are designated as 'prohibited substances' under the Article 2(9) of the Act on Registration, Evaluation, etc. of Chemicals  2) Adopt the measures restricting the use of preservatives  A. Lower the limit values of 4 preservatives  B. Prohibit the use of sodium lauryl sarcosinate in products that contain amines or amides  3) Improve testing methods for ensuring safety in cosmetics: Methanol testing and Microbiological testing  4) Clarify or modify terms in the regulation |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To ensure safety of cosmetics by revising the regulations to reflect the result of the risk assessment and etc. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * MFDS NOTIFICATION No 2018-455 (23 October 2018) |
| **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:**  Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Division Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) 93, Isu-ro, Maengdong-myeon, Eumseong-gun, Chungcheongbuk-do,  Republic of Korea, 27737 Tel.: (+82) 43 870 5525 Fax: (+82) 43 870 5682 E-mail: [tbt@korea.kr](mailto:tbt@korea.kr) Website: <http://www.knowtbt.kr>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/KOR/18_5680_00_x.pdf> |