NOTIFICATION

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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 (MFDS) 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, Chengju-si, Chungcheongbuk-do, 28159 Republic of Korea  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 [****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):** Cosmetics |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposed amendments to the "Standards for Organic Cosmetics" (21 page(s), in Korean) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The amendments seek to:  1) establish new standards for natural cosmetics as stated below.  A. The title of the regulation changed from "Standards for Organic Cosmetics" to "Standards for Natural and Organic Cosmetics".  B. The definitions for "Natural ingredients" and "Natural origin ingredients" are newly established.  C. New standards are established for allowed ingredients, composition of ingredients, manufacturing process, package materials, etc. of natural cosmetics.  D. Method for determination of proportion of natural origin content is newly included.  2) make modifications to the existing standards on organic cosmetics as stated below.  A. The method for determination of proportion of organic content is clarified.  B. The scope of other ingredients allowed in organic cosmetics would be expanded.  C. The processes allowed for processing ingredients would be expanded.  D. More substances for cleaning would be allowed for use. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** To provide clear standards for natural and organic cosmetics to manufacturers and consumers. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * MFDS NOTIFICATION No. 2019-142 (20 March 2019) |
| **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 the date of 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, 27737 Republic of Korea  Tel.: (+82) 43 870 5525 Fax: (+82) 43 870 5682  E-mail: [tbt@kats.go.kr](mailto:tbt@kats.go.kr)  Website: <http://www.knowtbt.kr>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/KOR/19_1714_00_x.pdf> |