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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Food and Drug Safety <b>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:</b> Documents are available from the Ministry Food and Drug Safety website ( <a href="http://www.mfds.go.kr">http://www.mfds.go.kr</a> )  Also available from: International Cooperation Office Ministry of Food and Drug Safety 187 Osongsaengmyeong2-ro Osong-eup Heungdeck-gu Cheongju-si Chungcheongbuk-do, 363-700 Republic of Korea Tel: (+82) 43-719-1564 Fax: (+82) 43-719-1550 Email: <a href="mailto:wtokfda@korea.kr">wtokfda@korea.kr</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Pharmaceuticals
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Amendment of the "Designation of Tar Colors for Pharmaceuticals and Their Specifications and Test Methods" (4 pages, in Korean)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Two external colorants, amaranth and new coccine, will be restricted from use in oral hygiene products.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health or safety (as there are cases of swallowing toothpaste, etc. by children)
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> MFDS Notification No. 2015-93 (26 March 2015)
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 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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