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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: REPUBLIC OF KOREA

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible: Resource Circulation Policy Division, 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
- **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" (3 page(s), in Korean)
- **Description of content:** Manufacturers of products are obliged to indicate the packaging method (packaging space ratio and number of packaging) on the outside of the packaging material. Penalties are imposed if packaging method is not indicated on the outside of the packaging material.
- 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.; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment
- 8. Relevant documents:
 - The National Assembly Bill No. 2113009 (28 October 2021)

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:

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