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(Comments from the Republic of Korea)

PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF THE GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELING OF PREPACKAGED FOODS: DATE MARKING

Being thankful for the labor to revise Date Marking of the general standard for the labeling of prepackaged foods, the Republic of Korea would like to suggest the following comments on agenda item 5.

The Republic of Korea respects for the decision of the 42nd CCFL to establish “use-by-date” definition. However, when it comes to adding several synonyms, the Republic of Korea proposes to simplify the “use by date” definition by deleting the synonyms such as “expires by” and “expiration date” because consumers can be confused by many synonyms for the ‘use-by-date’ definition.

Also, in the Republic of Korea, we currently consider “expires by” or “expiration date” labeled on the imported foods as “sell-by-date”.

If these synonyms will not be deleted in the definition, it will be able to cause misunderstanding and confusion for consumers and current international food trades.

Therefore, the Republic of Korea suggests deleting the synonyms for the definition of “use-by date”.