

Korea Extends Implementation of Organic Processed Foods Regulation: On December 31, the Korea Food and Drug Administration (KFDA) published its final revision to the Labeling Guidelines for Food Products, which included an extension of the labeling standard for organic processed food products until December 31, 2010. This was the last regulatory change necessary to finalize the one-year extension. On December 18, the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MIFAFF) posted the extension for their new organic processed foods regulation on their website. The new MIFAFF regulation was to be fully implemented on January 1, 2010 and would replace the KFDA labeling guideline for organic products. The United States and several other organic exporting countries encouraged Korea to extend the deadline in order for certifiers to become accredited to the new regulation, and to work with MIFAFF to add language to the regulation to allow for recognition of foreign accrediting bodies and equivalence to foreign standards.

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