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MFDS Provides an Exchange Platform for the Asia-Pacific on Food Safety
– Hosting the 8th INFOSAN Regional Meeting in Asia-Pacific–

☐ The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS, Minister OH Yu-Kyoung) co-hosts the 8th INFOSAN* Regional Meeting in Asia-Pacific with the World Health Organization Western Pacific Regional Office (WHO WPRO), and etc. on December 6 and 7 in Osong, Chungcheongbuk-do.

* As a global network of food safety authorities from 188 countries established the WHO and FAO in 2004, the International Food Safety Authorities Network, or INFOSAN, seeks to prevent the spread of hazardous foods through prompt information exchange in case of food safety emergencies. A group of INFOSAN members in Asia includes 17 Asian countries, such as the Republic of Korea and China, as well as WHO WPRO nations.

○ Under the theme of 'Enhancing INFOSAN in the Asia-Pacific Region the meeting has been prepared to maintain a close cooperation system for food safety-related information exchange among Asian countries and introduce Korea's excellent food risk

information management system.

- This year, members of Asian INFOSAN, WHO, WPRO·SEARO and more have joined online and MFDS, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (National Fisheries Quality Management Service), National Food Safety Information Service have participated in-person.

○ The main agendas of the meeting include ▲Introduction of Korea's INFOSAN activities ▲Report on food safety emergency response of Asia-Pacific member countries ▲WHO's global strategy on food safety in 2023 and implementation plan to reinforce INFOSAN's role ▲Korea's system to determine the cause of food safety incidents and multilateral cooperation and communication method for quick response.

- In this meeting, participants aims to share with each other the achievements earned through prompt information exchange on the multi-country outbreak of salmonella-contaminated chocolate on April; and discuss challenges to be addressed for quicker response.

- In particular, MFDS, as a speaker, will present Korea's crisis management and response system encompassing evaluation of a crisis level in accordance with the response manual for food safety incidents, and review of a quick solution to the crisis.

○ In last year's meeting designed to enhance response capabilities on food safety emergencies, 'INFOSAN Member's Guide for Asia,' largely developed by Korea and consistent INFOSAN member's functions, was discussed and finally arranged.

□ MFDS expects to largely contribute on reinforcing national food safety management by promptly coming up with a collective response

on global food safety incident and solidifying the cooperation for food safety in Asia-Pacific through the conference.

○ As part of its effort to adapt to the surge in global food trade, MFDS will spare no effort to ensure the safety and reliability of food products by promptly and accurately identifying food safety events at home and abroad and responding to them.

<Attachment> The 8th INFOSAN Regional Meeting in Asia-Pacific Programs

붙임 1	The 8th INFOSAN Regional Meeting in Asia-Pacific Programs

☐ [Day1]

6 December 2022				
Session 1		**Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address**		
16:00-16:15	'15	Opening Remarks		WHO WPRO/SEARO & FAO, INFOSAN Secretariat & MFDS(ROK)
16:15-16:25	'10	Meeting Objectives		WHO INFOSAN Secretariat
16:25-16:45	'20	Keynote: Experience of the RoK with INFOSAN		MFDS(ROK)
Session 2		**Debrief on INFOSAN Activities in 2022, including Response to Global Food Safety Emergencies involving Members in Asia-Pacific**		
16:45-17:15	'30	Review of INFOSAN in 2022: progress, achievements and challenges		INFOSAN Secretariat
17:15-17:30	'15	INFOSAN in the context of WHO Global strategy for food safety 2022-2030 and FAO's strategic priorities for food safety 2022-2031		WHO/FAO INFOSAN Secretariat
17:30-17:45	'15	**COFFEE BREAK**		-
Session 3		**Food Safety Emergency Response Processes and Procedures: INFOSAN and IHR**		
17:45-18:45	'60	Panel Discussion: Multi-country outbreak of Salmonella linked to chocolate products - what worked and what needs to be improved? INFOSAN Secretariat, Thailand, Palau, Q&A-15 minutes		INFOSAN Secretariat/ Thailand/Palau
18:45-19:15	'30	Preventing crisis and emergencies with preparedness, coordination, and information exchange		FAO INFOSAN Secretariat
19:15-19:20	'5	Day 1 - wrap-up		WHO WPRO/SEARO

☐ **[Day2]**

7 November 2022			
Session 4		**Planning Actions to Implement the Global Food Safety Strategy concerning INFOSAN in Asia-Pacific**	
16:00-16:15	'15	Introduction: Break-out group work	WHO/FAO, INFOSAN Secretariat,
16:15-17:30	'75	Discussion groups to plan activities to be undertaken in 2023 to strengthen INFOSAN and related capacities in alignment with the WHO Global Food Safety Strategy 2022-2030	All participants co-facilitated by WHO/FAO, INFOSAN Secretariat, WPRO/SEARO
17:30-17:45	'15	COFFEE BREAK	-
17:45-18:15	'30	Plenary discussion: Roadmap to strengthen the work of the participating MS in 2023	WHO INFOSAN Secretariat
Session 5		**Technical Topics**	
18:15-18:35	'20	Multisectoral coordination and communication to address food safety event detection and response	MFDS(ROK)
18:35-18:45	'15	The potential role of CODEX for Food Safety Emergency Response	Regional Codex Coordinators
Session 6		**Closing Ceremony**	
18:45-19:10	'15	Presentation of INFOSAN Secretariat Draft Action Plan 2023 + discussion and finalization with inputs from the regions	WHO INFOSAN Secretariat, WHO WPRO/SEARO
19:10-19:20	'10	Summary of proceedings and concluding remarks	WHO WPRO-SEARO, WHO/FAO INFOSAN Secretariat MFDS(ROK)