Country Profile: Republic of Korea

Region: Eastern Asia

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Identified policies and legal sources related to abortion:
- Reproductive Health Act
- General Medical Health Act
- Criminal / Penal Code
- Civil Code
- Ministerial Order / Decree
- Case Law
- Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines
- EML / Registered List
- Medical Ethics Code
- Document Relating to Funding
- Abortion Specific Law
- Law on Medical Practitioners
- Law on Health Care Services
- Other

Related Documents

From Reproductive Health Act:
- Mother and Child Health Act (Limited Permission of Induced Abortion Operations)
- Enforcement Decree of the Mother and Child Health Act: Article 15 (Limited Permission for Induced Abortion Operations)

From General Medical Health Act:
- Medical Service Act as Amended, 1962
- Framework Act on Health and Medical Services, 2000

From Criminal / Penal Code:
- Criminal Act

From Case Law:
- Constitutional Court decision, 2019

From EML / Registered List:
- Misoprostol Information

Concluding Observations:
- CEDAW
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- CESCR
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- CRC
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Persons who can be sanctioned:
- A woman or girl can be sanctioned
- Providers can be sanctioned
- A person who assists can be sanctioned

Abortion at the woman's request

No

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit
### Economic or social reasons

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**Gestational limit**

- Weeks: No limit specified
- Enforcement Decree of The Mother and Child Health Act (page 4)

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- **Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)

Laws or policies that impose time limits on the length of pregnancy may have negative consequences for women, including forcing them to seek clandestine abortions and suffer social inequities. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.7.

- **Source document:** WHO-Safe-Abortion-Guidance-2012.pdf#page=103

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**Gestational limit**

- Weeks: 24
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### Additional notes

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### Additional notes

The Law on Mother and Child Health permits abortion “where pregnancy is taken place between blood relatives or matrimonial relatives who are legally unable to marry.”

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- Until they are replaced with abortion on request, any existing grounds should be formulated and applied in a manner consistent with international human rights law. This requires that abortion is available where the life and health of the woman, girl or other pregnant person is at risk. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.
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#### Additional notes

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Authorization in specially licensed facilities only

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Mother and Child Health Act

WHO Guidance

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Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 52)

Judicial authorization for minors

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- Mother and Child Health Act

WHO Guidance

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Judicial authorization in cases of rape

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Police report required in case of rape

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Mandatory waiting periods delay access to abortion, sometimes to the extent that women’s access to abortion or choice of abortion method is restricted. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against mandatory waiting periods for abortion. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.1.

Regulatory, policy and programmatic barriers – as well as barriers in practice – that hinder access to and timely provision of quality abortion care should be removed. Abortion Care Guideline § Box 2.1.

In situations where abortion is restricted for sex selection purposes, terminating a pregnancy for this reason is likely to involve an unsafe procedure carrying high risks. Any policies or guidelines on the use of technology in obstetric and fetal medicine should take into account the need to ensure women’s access to safe abortion and other services - efforts to manage or limit sex selection should also not hamper or limit access to safe abortion services. Preventing gender-biased sex selection: an interagency statement.

Dissemination of misinformation, withholding of information and censorship should be prohibited.

Information should be accessible and understandable, including formats catering to low-literacy and differently abled populations. Different modalities exist for the provision of information on abortion, e.g. remote access via hotlines and telemedicine, and through approaches such as harm reduction and community-based outreach, as well as in-person interactions with health workers. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.2.1.
List of restrictions

The 1962 Medical Service Act, as amended by Act no. 9906 of 31 December 2009 stipulates in Article 20:

1. Any medical person shall not conduct a diagnosis or examination of a pregnant woman for the purpose of predicting the gender of a baby, or help any other person to commit such an act for the same purpose.

2. Any medical person shall not inform any pregnant woman, her family member or any other person of the gender of a fetus he/she becomes aware of in the course of performing a diagnosis or examination of the fetus or pregnant woman before 32 weeks of pregnancy

Related documents:
- Medical Service Act 1962, amended (page 8)
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Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

Methods allowed

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Vacuum aspiration
- No data found

Dilatation and evacuation
- No data found

Combination mifepristone-misoprostol
- No data found

Misoprostol only
- No data found

Other (where provided)

WHO Guidance

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Vacuum aspiration is recommended for surgical abortions at or under 14 weeks to be provided by traditional and complementary medicine professionals, nurses, midwives, associate/advanced associate clinicians, generalist medical practitioners and specialist medical practitioners.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against the practice of dilatation and sharp curettage (D&C), including for sharp curette checks (i.e. to “complete” the abortion) following vacuum aspiration. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.1.

Dilation and evacuation (D&E) is recommended for surgical abortions at or over 14 weeks to be provided by generalist medical practitioners and specialist medical practitioners. Vacuum aspiration can be used during a D&E. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.1.

The recommended method for medical abortion is mifepristone followed by misoprostol (regimen differs by gestational age). Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.2.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends the use of misoprostol alone, with a regime that differs by gestational age. Evidence demonstrates that the use of combination mifepristone plus misoprostol is more effective than misoprostol alone. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.2.
Mifepristone and misoprostol should be listed in relevant national EMLs (NEMLs) or their equivalent and should be included in the relevant clinical care/service delivery guidelines. Inclusion in the NEML is one important component of ensuring that quality medicines are available.

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Yes, for non-gynaecological indications only

**Related documents:**
- Misoprostol Information (page 1)

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**Misoprostol allowed to be sold or distributed by pharmacies or drug stores**

**Not specified**

When there is no explicit reference to an issue covered in the questionnaire in the relevant document(s), this is noted and no interpretation was made.

- Misoprostol Information

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**WHO Guidance**

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Mifepristone and misoprostol should be listed in relevant national EMLs (NEMLs) or their equivalent and should be included in the relevant clinical care/service delivery guidelines. Inclusion in the NEML is one important component of ensuring that quality medicines are available.

For induced abortion, Mifepristone (200 mg) and misoprostol (200 μg) are recommended in the WHO EML. The EML specifically mentions the following co-packaged formulation: 1 tablet mifepristone (200 mg) + 4 tablets misoprostol (200 μg).

Restrictions on prescribing authority for some categories of health workers may need to be modified or other mechanisms put in place to make the medicines available for these health workers within the regulatory framework of the health system. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.4.

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Where it is lawful, abortion must be accessible in practice. This requires both ensuring that health-care facilities, commodities and services are accessible (including sufficient providers), and that law and policy on abortion is formulated, interpreted and applied in a way that is compatible with human rights. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.3.1.

*Source document*: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 48)

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| National guidelines for post-abortion care | No data found |

**WHO Guidance**

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National standards and guidelines for abortion care should be evidence based and periodically updated and should provide the necessary guidance to achieve equal access to comprehensive abortion care. Leadership should also promote evidence-based SRH services according to these standards and guidelines. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.3.3.

*Source document*: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 50)
Where can post-abortion care services be provided

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Contraception included in post-abortion care

- Not specified

Related documents:
- Mother and Child Health Act
- Enforcement Decree of The Mother and Child Health Act

Insurance to offset end user costs

- Not specified

Related documents:
- Mother and Child Health Act
- Enforcement Decree of The Mother and Child Health Act

Other (if applicable)

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends the option of telemedicine as an alternative to in-person interactions with the health worker to deliver medical abortion services in whole or in part. Telemedicine services should include referrals (based on the woman’s location) for medicines (abortion and pain control medicines), any abortion care or post-abortion follow-up required (including for emergency care if needed), and for post-abortion contraceptive services. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.6.1.

- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 133)

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

All contraceptive options may be considered after an abortion. For individuals undergoing surgical abortion and wishing to use contraception, Abortion Care Guideline recommends the option of initiating the contraception at the time of surgical abortion. For individuals undergoing medical abortion, for those who choose to use hormonal contraception, the Abortion Care Guideline suggests that they be given the option of starting hormonal contraception immediately after the first pill of the medical abortion regimen. For those who choose to have an IUD inserted, Abortion Care Guideline suggests IUD placement at the time that success of the abortion procedure is determined. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.5.4.

- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 126)

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

Where user fees are charged for abortion, this should be based on careful consideration of ability to pay, and fee waivers should be available for those who are facing financial hardship and adolescent abortion seekers. As far as possible, abortion services and supplies should be mandated for coverage under insurance plans as inability to pay is not an acceptable reason to deny or delay abortion care. Furthermore, having transparent procedures in all health-care facilities can ensure that informal charges are not imposed by staff. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.2.

- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 53)
### Who can provide abortion services

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**WHO Guidance**

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The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against regulation on who can provide and manage abortion that is inconsistent with WHO guidance. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.8.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 97)

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Conscientious Objection
The Abortion Care Guideline recommends that access to and continuity of comprehensive abortion care be protected against barriers created by conscientious objection. It is critical that States ensure compliance with regulations and design/organize health systems to ensure access to and continuity of quality abortion care. If it proves impossible to regulate conscientious objection in a way that respects, protects and fulfills abortion seekers' rights, conscientious objection in abortion provision may become indefensible. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.9.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 98)
Indicators

Country specific information related to sexual and reproductive health indications. As data for the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators related to sexual and reproductive health become available, these will be provided, through periodic updates.

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

1.1.1 Proportion of population below the international poverty line, by sex, age, employment status and geographical location (urban/rural)

No data

1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons,
Person with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable

| 1.a.2 Proportion of total government spending on essential services (education, health and social protection) | No data |

**Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**

| 3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio | 11 (2017) |
| 3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel | No data |
| 3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods | No data |
| 3.7.2 Adolescent birth rate (aged 10-14 years; aged 15-19 years) per 1,000 women in that age group | 1.6 (2015-2020) |
| 3.8.2 Number of people covered by health insurance or a public health system per 1,000 population | No data |
| 3.c.1 Health worker density and distribution | No data |

**Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all**

| 4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people: (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex | No data |

**Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**

| 5.1.1 Whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and nondiscrimination on the basis of sex | No data |
| 5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age | No data |
| 5.2.2 Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by age and place of occurrence | No data |
| 5.3.1 Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18 | No data |
| 5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting, by age | No data |
| 5.6.1 Proportion of women aged 15-49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care | No data |
| 5.6.2 Number of countries with laws and regulations that guarantee women aged 15-49 years access to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education | No data |
| 5.a.1 (a) Proportion of total agricultural population with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land, by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure | No data |
| 5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex | No data |

**Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all**

| 8.5.2 Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities | No data |

**Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries**

| 10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by age, sex and persons with disabilities | No data |
10.3.1 Proportion of the population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed within the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law

No data

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

16.1.3 Proportion of population subjected to physical, psychological or sexual violence in the previous 12 months

No data

16.2.2 Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation

No data

16.2.3 Proportion of young women and men aged 18-29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18

No data

16.3.1 Proportion of victims of violence in the previous 12 months who reported their victimization to competent authorities or other officially recognized conflict resolution mechanisms

No data

16.5.1 Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months

No data

16.6.1 Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget, by sector (or by budget codes or similar)

No data

16.6.2 Proportion of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services

No data

16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions

No data

16.9.1 Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age

No data

16.10.1 Number of verified cases of killing, kidnapping, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and torture of journalists, associated media personnel, trade unionists and human rights advocates in the previous 12 months

No data

16.b.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law

No data

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet

No data

Additional Reproductive Health Indicators

Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning

No data

Percentage of births attended by trained health professional

100 (2015)

Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18

No data

Total fertility rate

0.977 (2018)

Legal marital age for women, with parental consent

18 (2009-2017)

Legal marital age for women, without parental consent


Gender Inequalities Index (Value)

0.06 (2017)

Gender Inequalities Index (Rank)

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