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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b>  The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan  Telephone: (886-2) 2343-1772 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: shihwei.ni@bsmi.gov.tw  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ X ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ X ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Fuming essential oil products (CCCN 3307.49.00)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages, in Chinese)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Safety requirements for fuming essential oil products containing organic solvent of alcohol or isopropyl alcohol.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> According to official reports, fuming essential oil products containing organic solvent of alcohol or isopropyl alcohol have caused more than 20 serious accidents to consumers in the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu during the last two years. These accidents have caused serious burns and scalds to at least 20 people, and have led to two deaths. Adoption of the Safety Requirements is believed to be an effective way to protect consumers and prevent further tragic accidents. We therefore hope to make the requirements compulsory as quickly as possible
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Draft Safety Requirements for Fuming Essential Oil Products

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>	<b>}</b> To be determined
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 10 September 2004	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b>  WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan  Telephone: (886-2) 3343-5115 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  Chinese text available at:  <a href="http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/TPKM16chinesedocument.pdf">http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/TPKM16chinesedocument.pdf</a>	