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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. **Member to Agreement notifying:** <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection

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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:

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Television Receivers
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (5 pages, in Chinese)
- **Description of content:** The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu intends to require that television receivers must include the capability to receive over-the-air digital television (DTV) broadcast signals, in addition to the existed EMC and safety requirements for television receivers that are already subject to inspection. Under the phase-in plan, the DTV receiving capability will be required in accordance with the following schedule:

Receivers with sizes 29" and above – effective 1 January 2006 Receivers with sizes 21" to 28" – effective 1 January 2007 Receivers with sizes less than 21" – effective 1 January 2008

- Receivers with sizes less than 21 effective 1 January 2008
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
- **Relevant documents:** The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 13438, 13439, 14408, 14336 and Technical Specification for Digital Terrestrial Television Receivers

9. **Proposed date of adoption:** 1 December 2005

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2006, 1 January 2007,

1 January 2008

10. Final date for comments: 30 September 2005

11. 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:

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