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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 (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2343-1772 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: ling.huang@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 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 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> Plywood (HS: Chapters 44)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (5 pages in Chinese, English translation available)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Plywood has been widely used as a kind of furniture and building materials these days. The public is concerned about pollution of indoor air by formaldehyde emitted from adhesive bonded wood products and demands restriction on the use of formaldehyde glue in plywood products. The BSMI, after having consulted with interested parties, intends to regulate formaldehyde emission for plywood products.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 1349, CNS 8058, CNS 11671
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 December 2006 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 July 2007
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 10 November 2006

**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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English translation available at:

<http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/membercon/ProposalforLegalInspectionofPlywoodProducts.pdf>