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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 Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (+886-2) 2343-1907 Fax: (+886-2) 3343-3991 E-mail: wen.le@bsmi.gov.tw 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): Video tuners having terrestrial television reception capability (e.g. Set-Top-Box) (HS: Chapters 85).
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages, in Chinese).
6.	Description of content: The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu intends to regulate video tuners that have terrestrial television reception capability (e.g. Set-Top-Box) as commodities subject to inspection. As of 1 January 2008, all such products must be inspected by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, and must conform to the safety, EMC and digital terrestrial television reception capability requirements when marketed. The safety and EMC requirements for the aforementioned products are CNS standards that have been harmonized with relevant IEC or CISPR standards. The digital terrestrial television reception capability shall comply with the Technical Specification for Digital Terrestrial Television Receivers. The conformity assessment procedure for video tuners is Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection

8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 13439, CNS 14408, CNS 13438, CNS 14336 and Technical Specification for Digital Terrestrial Television Receivers.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2008
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
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: WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei, 100, Taiwan Tel.: (+886-2) 2343-1814 Fax: (+886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw