

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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> Medium density fiberboard and particleboard, not including those used for making up furniture (HS: 44).
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (3 pages, in Chinese; English translation available).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Medium density fiberboard and particleboard have been widely used as a kind of 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 medium density fiberboard and particleboard products. Besides, for protecting the public safety, we also need to ensure the fire-retardant properties of those products. The BSMI, after having consulted with interested parties, intends to regulate the medium density fiberboard and particleboard 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 9909, CNS 2215.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 September 2006 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2008

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<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from date of notification
<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) 2343-1814 Fax:            +(886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail:         tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw  English translation available at:  <a href="http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/ProposalforLegalInspectionofMediumdensityfiberboardandParticleboardProducts.pdf">http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/ProposalforLegalInspectionofMediumdensityfiberboardandParticleboardProducts.pdf</a>