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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: Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) 83 Jhonghua Road, Section 1, Taipei, 10042, Taiwan Tel: +(8862) 2311 7722 Fax: + (8862) 2331 7741 E-mail: hilu@sun.epa.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 [], 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): Mercury thermometers
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal of the "Prohibition of the Import and Sale of Mercury Thermometers" (6 pages in Chinese, English translation available).
6.	Description of content: Having recognized the serious damage of mercury to the environment and human body, the EPA would like to propose, under the Waste Disposal Act, the prohibition of the sale and importation of mercury thermometers to the TPKM. The proposed text includes the followings: - Definition of prohibited products and regulated establishments; - Conditions and time limits for prohibiting the import of mercury thermometers, and exceptions where such imports will be allowed; - Conditions and time limits for prohibiting the sale of mercury thermometers, and exceptions where the sale of the said thermometers will be allowed; - Surveillance of the importation, sale and related activities of mercury thermometers. Determination of the effective date.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Environmental protection and waste reduction
8.	Relevant documents: Waste Disposal Act

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9.	Proposed date of adoption:	To be determined
	Proposed date of entry into force:	1 July 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: + (8862) 2343 1814 Fax: + (8862) 2343 1804 Email: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw	
	English translation available at:	
	http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/OverviewoftheDraftfortheProhibitionoftheImportandSaleofMercuryThermometers.pdf	