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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: Department of Health 100 Ai-Kuo East Road Taipei 100, Taiwan Telephone: +(886) 2 2321 0151 Fax: +(886) 2 2397 1548 E-mail: pachan@doh.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): Prohibition of Di-n-octyl phthalate in cosmetic products
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal of prohibiting the use of Di-n-octyl phthalate in cosmetic products (1 page in Chinese, English translation available)
6.	Description of content: According to Paragraph 1, Article 23 of the Statute for Control of Cosmetic Hygiene, cosmetics or cosmetic colorants that are detrimental to human health shall be prohibited to be imported, manufactured, distributed or placed on the market. Due to the possibility of interfering with human endocrine system, "Di-n-octyl phthalate" has been classified as a possible substance of environmental hormones. Having recognized that Di-n-octyl phthalate is not a required material for manufacturing cosmetic products, the Department of Health intends to propose the prohibition of the use of Di-n-octyl phthalate in cosmetic products by taking the following measures: 1. To add Di-n-octyl phthalate to the list of prohibited cosmetic ingredients; 2. To prohibit the import and manufacturing of all cosmetics containing Di-n-octyl phthalate. Reformulation of medicated cosmetic products containing this ingredient shall be required.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection and to reduce public exposure to environmental hormones.
8.	Relevant documents: Statute for Control of Cosmetic Hygiene
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:
	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div>1 October 2008</div> </div>
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 Telephone: (+886 2) 3343 5115 Fax: (+886 2) 2343 1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw The English translation of the Proposal of the “prohibition of Di-n-octyl phthalate in cosmetic products” is available at: http://www.doh.gov.tw/EN2006/DM/DM1_p01.aspx?class_no=247&now_fod_list_no=247&level_no=1&doc_no=53089