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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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI)

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Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website 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): Filter of helmet type and handshield type protector for welders (HS Chapters 70)
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages in Chinese, English translation available)
- **Observation of content:** Helmet type and handshield type protector for welders is one kind of personal protective equipment for protection against harmful optical radiation and other specific risks generated by welding. A filter is an important part of helmet type and handshield type protector for welders. In order to ensure protection of welders' eyes, the BSMI proposes that the manufacture and import of these products must be subject to mandatory inspection.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
- **8. Relevant documents:** The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 7174

9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 October 2009 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2010

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification

11. Text 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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