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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.	Notifying Member: <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 Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (+886 2) 2343 1781 Fax: (+886 2) 3343 3991 E-mail: Eric.Hsieh@bsmi.gov.tw 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 [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): Circular sawing machines for wood working, grinding machines and similar equipment (HS: Chapter 84)
5.	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)
6.	Description of content: The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu intend to regulate Circular sawing machines for wood working, grinding machines and similar equipment as commodities subject to inspection. As of 1 July 2012, all such products must be inspected by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI), and must conform, where required, to the requirements of the "Safety Standard of Prevention and Guarding Devices - Machinery and Tools" when marketed. The Standard for the aforementioned products were announced by the Council of Labour Affairs on July 27, 1992, and amended on May 13, 2009. The conformity assessment procedure for circular sawing machines for wood working, grinding machines and similar equipment are under the Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme. However, portable circular sawing machines for wood working, and the portable grinding machines and similar equipment are alternatively subject to the RPC Scheme or Type-approved Batch Inspection Scheme.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: "The Commodity Inspection Act" and "Standard of Prevention and Guarding Devices - Machinery and Tools".
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2012
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: 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 1801 Fax: (+886 2) 2343 1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/TPKM/11_3410_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/TPKM/11_3410_01_e.pdf