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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 14 October 2011, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

TITLE: Revisions to the restrictions on the use of plastic trays and packaging boxes: from 1 January 2012 onwards, the reduction rate of plastic trays and packaging boxes will be changed to 40%. From 1 January 2013 onwards, the use of plastic trays and packaging boxes in three specific categories of commodities, namely eggs, bakery, and vegetables and fruits, shall be reduced up to 80%.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Administration

SUMMARY: According to current regulations of restrictions on the use of plastic trays and packaging boxes, hypermarkets and supermarkets shall reduce the amount of plastic trays and packaging boxes used for packaging eggs, vegetables and fruits, meat products, seafood, bakery, restaurant foods or other products like dried foods, sushi, salad or cold noodles. The goal for the 2011 reduction rate is 35%. In order to continually reduce the consumption of natural resources, the reduction rate for the use of plastic trays and packaging boxes will be revised to 40% starting from 1 January 2012. Starting from 1 January 2013, the reduction rate for the use of plastic trays and packaging boxes for three specific categories of commodities, namely eggs, vegetables and fruits, and bakery shall be increased to 80%, causing retailers to give priority to reducing packaging on eggs, vegetables and fruits, and bakery, and subsequently simplifying the procedures of reduction plans and submission of results. If the goal of the reduction rate is not met, the retailer shall reduce the same amount of packaging for other commodities so as to meet the stipulated reduction rate.

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