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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU.

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

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:

Food and Drug Administration Ministry of Health and Welfare No.161-2, Kunyang St., Nangang District Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan

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- 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): Food for human consumption.
- **5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation (16 pages, in Chinese)
- 6. **Description of content:** An announcement was made on amending the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation on 5 February 2014. The key features of the new amendment are: the name of the law has been amended from the Act Governing Food Sanitation to the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation, the Ministry of Health and Welfare is authorized to set up a food safety fund, registration requirements for governing genetically modified (GM) food raw material, importers of GM food raw material are required to establish the traceability system, food businesses are required to send raw ingredients, semi-finished or finished products to laboratories for tests, imposes comprehensively stricter penalties on non-compliant businesses.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
- **8. Relevant documents:** Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation
- **9. Proposed date of adoption:** The law was enacted on 5 February 2014. **Proposed date of entry into force:** The law was enacted on 5 February 2014.
- **10. Final date for comments:** Not applicable. This notice serves as information to the WTO Members.

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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