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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:** <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:

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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): Alcohol products.
- 5. **Title**, **number of pages and language(s) of the notified document**: Draft Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Labeling of the Alcohol Products (4 pages in Chinese, English translation available).
- **6. Description of content:** To enhance the protection of consumers, some labeling requirements are revised or added to the aforesaid regulations mainly as the follows:
 - 1. Warning label on alcohol products shall be at least 2.65 mm in font size.
 - 2. The current warning label "Please do not drink if you are a minor" is to be changed into "Drinking is prohibited if under 18 years old" and a new warning "Large quantity intake of alcohol product in a short period of time is lethal" is proposed.
 - 3. An alcohol product that is labeled with "aged" shall be matured in a container for at least three years before bottling and shall be indicated with a number of years of maturity.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer Protection.
- **8. Relevant documents:** The Tobacco and Alcohol Administration Act.
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

- **10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from the 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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