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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: 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: Environmental Protection Administration No. 83, Zhonghua Rd. Sec. 1, Zhongzheng District Taipei City 10042 Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2311-7722 Fax: (886-2) 2381-0562 E-mail: chhahsu@epa.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 [], 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): Existing chemical substances that are listed on the chemical inventory by the Environmental Protection Administration and new chemical substances which are not listed on the existing chemical inventory
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration (Draft) (18 pages, in English)
6. Description of content: The Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act (TCSCA) was amended and promulgated on December 11, 2013. This notified subordinate implementing law "Regulation of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration (Draft)" is enacted pursuant to Article 7-1, Paragraph 6 of the TCSCA. In accordance with TCSCA, this regulation is aimed at achieving several objectives for sound chemical management, including applying standard registration, simplified registration, or small quantity registration for new chemical substances; Phase-in of designated registration for existing chemical substances; registration for chemicals used for special purposes or having special forms; and joint registration. Also this draft regulation specifies respective thresholds and information requirements of all types of registration, review procedures, and conditions attached in granting permits, as well as validity period of permits, post registration extension, modifications with new evidence, revocation, cancellation and keeping of registration documents. Schemes and management concerning early inclusion of new chemical substances and polymers of low concern listed on the chemical substance inventory are proposed. Regarding business interests and the general public's right to know, rules on information dissemination and protection of confidential business information are also introduced.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To strengthen management of toxic chemicals and to enhance the protection of the environment and human health; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment.
8.	Relevant documents: Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 11 December 2014 Proposed date of entry into force: 11 December 2014
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4, Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2343-1801 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/cht/14_3930_00_e.pdf