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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Occupational Safety and Health Administration Ministry of Labor Floor 11, South Building No.439, Zhongping Rd. Xinzhuang District New Taipei City 242-19 Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 8995-6666 ext 930 Fax: (886-2) 8995-6665 E-mail: <a href="mailto:miller@osha.gov.tw">miller@osha.gov.tw</a> <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Any new chemical substances which are not listed on the existing chemical inventory promulgated by the Ministry of Labor
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Regulation of New Chemical Substances Registration (Draft) (9 pages in Chinese, English translation available)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Occupational Safety and Health Act was amended and promulgated on 3 July 2013 and came into force on 3 July 2014 by the announcement of the central competent authority. This notified subordinate implementing law "Regulation of New Chemical Substances Registration (Draft)" is enacted pursuant to Article 13 of Occupational Safety and Health Act. In line with Occupational Safety and Health Act, 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, as well as joint registration. Also this draft regulation provides legal definition and exemption, which also specifies respective thresholds and information requirements on a chemical safety assessment report of all types of registration, including validity period. Schemes and management concerning early inclusion of new chemical substances and polymers of low concern listed on the inventory of chemical substance are proposed. Regarding business interests and the general public and worker right to know, rules on information dissemination and confidentiality of chemical names are also introduced.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To strengthen management of chemicals and to enhance the protection of worker's safety and health.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Occupational Safety and Health Act
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 January 2015 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2015
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of notification
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  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: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_4809_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_4809_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_4809_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_4809_00_x.pdf</a>