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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 5 January 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation:

The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to inform the WTO members that the "Draft Amendments to the Tobacco and Alcohol Administration Act" as notified by G/TBT/N/TPKM/83 dated 21 April 2010 have been promulgated on 18 June 2014 and the related new labelling requirements (Subparagraph 8 of Paragraph 1, and the last part of Paragraph 2, Article 32) will come into force on 1 July 2016, while the enforcement date of the rest part of Article 32 will be on 1 January 2015. The content of the amendments is mainly as follows:

1. For alcohol products which are packed in plastic or paper containers, the expiration date or bottling date shall be indicated. If the date of bottling is provided, the date of expiration shall also be indicated.
2. Imported alcohol may not separately indicate any matters which are not indicated on the original labels.
3. Alcohol may not be labelled with medical or health care terms, or with text or images that explicitly or implicitly indicate the similar effects.
4. An alcohol producer that uses an alcohol product of another producer as raw material for processing is not permitted to indicate the country of origin or the flavour of the original alcohol product or use any related terms.

The Tobacco and Alcohol Administration Act in Chinese is accessible through linking the following first internet website and the second for its English translation:

<http://law.moj.gov.tw/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?PCode=G0330011>

<http://law.moj.gov.tw/Eng/LawClass/LawAll.aspx?PCode=G0330011>

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