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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.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2343-1778 Fax: (886-2) 3343-3991 E-mail: wj.yang@bsmi.gov.tw Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site 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 [], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [X], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Disposable lighters for igniting tobacco products (CCCN 9613.10.00.00-9, for gas fuelled and non-refillable; CCCN 9613.20.00.00-7, for gas fuelled and refillable; CCCN 9613.80.90.00-5, for other lighters) whose fuel containers are made of resin materials and those use a gas such as butane, isobutene, propane or other liquefied hydrocarbon under pressure as fuel.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages, in Chinese)
6.	Description of content: The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu intends to regulate disposable lighters as commodities subject to inspection. As of 1 August 2004, all such products must be inspected by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI), and must conform to inspection requirements when imported or marketed within the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu. The technical requirements for the aforementioned lighters are set out in the CNS 10666 that has been harmonized with the international standard ISO 9994:2002 but with child-resistant mechanism added. This Notice also provides the conformity assessment procedures applied.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: At least three serious accidents have been reported to be caused by children misusing disposable lighters during past months this year. Adoption of this mandatory inspection measure is proposed by consumers and would be considered effective to protect consumers and prevent further tragic accidents from happening again.
8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 10666, Official Gazette of Ministry of Economic Affairs
9.	Proposed date of adoption: July 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 August 2004
10.	Final date for comments: 31 May 2004
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 3343-5115 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw