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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> The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 3343-2262 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: <a href="mailto:hj.wang@bsmi.gov.tw">hj.wang@bsmi.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 [X], 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> Suitcases (HS/CCCN 4202.11.00.00.5, 4202.12.00.10.2, 4202.12.00.20.0, 4202.19.00.00.7). The HS/CCCN codes are for reference only and the scope will be the rimmed-frame or fixed-shape suitcases with wheels or dragger.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages, in English; 2 pages, in Chinese)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> In order to protect consumer rights and interests, BSMI will implement an inspection regime for rimmed-frame or fixed-shape suitcases with wheels or dragger. No matter where suitcases are domestically produced or imported from abroad, they must be in compliance with the inspection requirements before they are released from the production premises or the customs. The inspection items include chemical materials test, physical performance test, and labelling check.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Quality requirements; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The Commodity Inspection Act, Commodity Labelling Act, CNS 15331 (phthalates only suitable for age under 14)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 March 2016
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from 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:**

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