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## **Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

## 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:

The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel: (886-2) 2343-1844

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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 [X], 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): Hot cathode fluorescent lamp and AC supplied electronic ballasts (HS: Chapter 85)
- 5. **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (3 pages, in Chinese; English translation available)
- 6. **Description of content:** Hot Cathode Fluorescent Lamp and AC supplied electronic ballasts (hereinafter referred to as "the commodities") have been subject to mandatory inspection under the Commodity Inspection Act by the Bureau of Standards Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) since 1 January 2001 and 1 January 1999 respectively. The current inspection standards CNS 691 and CNS 13755 were promulgated on 29 July 2000 and 10 July 2006. The BSMI will adopt the revised standards of CNS 691 and CNS 13755, which were both promulgated on 29 September 2014. Besides, the BSMI will revise the commodities' description.

The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection proposes that the requirements stipulated in CNS 15663 Section 5 "Marking of presence" will be also included for the commodities.

The certificate holders/applicants of the commodities shall follow the requirements stipulated in Section 5 "Marking of presence" of CNS 15663 and clearly mark "the presence conditions of the restricted substance(s)" on the body, packages, stickers, or the instruction books of the commodities. For those who utilize website as a means to announce "the presence conditions of the restricted substance(s)" of the commodities shall also clearly mark the website address on the body, packages, stickers, or the instruction books of the commodities.

Before 1 July 2017, the certificate holders shall prepare type test report in compliance with

revised standards of CNS 691 and CNS 13755, documents related to the location of the marking, sample of the marking, and the "Declaration of the Presence Conditions of the Restricted Substances Marking" to apply for replacing certificate(s) from the BSMI or its branches.

- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer and environmental protection
- **8. Relevant documents:** The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 691(2014.9), CNS 13755 (2014.9), CNS 15663(2013.7) Section 5
- **9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: The date of publication

- **10**. **Final date for comments**: 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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