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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> Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs No.4, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd. Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2343-1904 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: <a href="mailto:lucan.chang@bsmi.gov.tw">lucan.chang@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> Plywood (refer to attachment)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (9 pages, in English; 7 pages, in Chinese)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The BSMI intends to refine the current management of plywood products so as to maintain consistency of the requirements. The proposed measures are summarized below:  1. To use "plywood" as the product description for related products. The current product names include plywood, special plywood, structural plywood, plywood for concrete-form, and scaffolding plywood, which are already subject to regulatory inspection. The inspection scope would be annotated in parenthesis.  2. To apply the same inspection requirements, mainly labelling of place of origin and formaldehyde limit, to all plywood products, which involves the adoption of revised inspection standards for related products (CNS 1349:2014 for plywood, CNS 8058:2014 for special plywood, CNS 11671:2014 for structural plywood, CNS 8057:2012 for plywood for concrete-form and CNS 11670:2014 for scaffolding plywood).  3. To extend the current inspection scope to cover "plywood for pallet" of which the inspection standard is CNS 15583:2012 for plywood for pallet.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of consumers' safety

8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 1349, CNS 8058, CNS 11671, CNS 8057, CNS 11670, CNS 15583
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2017
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  TPKM-WTO/TBT Enquiry Point Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs No.4, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd. Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel: (886-2) 33435191 Fax: (886-2) 23431804 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_1465_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_1465_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_1465_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_1465_00_x.pdf</a>