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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. | Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN</u> <u>AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2): |
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| 2. | Agency responsible: 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: <u>lucan.chang@bsmi.gov.tw</u> |
| | 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): Laminated veneer lumber (refer to attachment) |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages, in English; 2 pages, in Chinese) |
| 6. | Description of content: Laminated veneer lumber has been subject to mandatory inspection under the Commodity Inspection Act by the Bureau of Standards Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) since 1 January 2007. The inspection standards CNS 11818 for laminated veneer lumber and CNS 14646 for structural laminated veneer lumber were revised and published on 18 December 2014 and 20 August 2015 respectively. The BSMI will soon adopt the revised standards CNS 11818 and CNS 14646 as inspection standards, in order to enhance consumer protection. Besides, the BSMI will revise the Description of Goods of laminated veneer lumber [see Products (HS/CCCN codes) covered and applicable inspection standards] |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of consumers' safety |
| 8. | Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 11818, CNS 14646 |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2017 |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 60 days from notification |

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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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