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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:

Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI)

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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): Wooden floors (refer to attachment)
- 5. **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (3 pages, in English; 3 pages, in Chinese)
- 6. **Description of content:** Wooden floors have been subject to mandatory inspection under the Commodity Inspection Act by the Bureau of Standards Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) since 1 January 2009. The inspection standards, CNS 2871 for block flooring and mosaic parquet, CNS 11341 for strip flooring and CNS 11342 for composite wood flooring, were revised and published on 9 October 2014. The BSMI intends to adopt the revised standards CNS 2871, CNS 11341 and CNS 11342 as inspection standards, in order to enhance consumer protection.
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of consumers' safety
- 8. Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 2871, CNS 11341, CNS 11342
- **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

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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