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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 AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
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) 2343-1774 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: http://www.lan@bsmi.gov.tw 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): Safety footwear and protective footwear (refer to attachment)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (9 pages, in English; 8 pages, in Chinese)
6.	Description of content: Protective footwear and anti-electrostatic footwear are subject to mandatory inspection under the Commodity Inspection Act. The current inspection standards CNS 6863 on protective footwear and CNS 8878 on anti-electrostatic footwear were replaced by CNS 20345 on personal protective equipment-safety footwear (published on 13 January 2015) and CNS 20346 on personal protective equipment-protective footwear (published on 14 January 2016) to cope with needs evolved over the past 5 years. The BSMI intends to adopt CNS 20345 and CNS 20346 standards as the inspection standards. The BSMI also revises the description of goods of safety footwear, protective footwear, and protective boots for occupational health in the draft measure. The conformity assessment procedure for Safety footwear and Protective footwear products will be under the Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme or Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme, but protective boots for occupational health products remain unchanged.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 20345, and CNS 20346

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2018
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: 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: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_4335_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_4335_00_x.pdf