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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: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2787-8000 ext 7354 Fax: (886-2) 2653-1062 E-mail: chelsea2237@fda.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 [], 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): Food additives, egg products, edible vinegars and infant foods
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice (food No. 1051301491) issued by Ministry of Health and Welfare: "Draft Amendment to Food Businesses Shall Establish Traceability System of Food Products" (8 pages, in English; 6 pages, in Chinese)
6. Description of content: According to article 9 of the Act Governing Food and Safety Sanitation, the MOHW shall regulate the designated food businesses to establish traceability system in order to trace the source and track the flow. Since 2014, the MOHW has designated 19 categories of food businesses to establish their own traceability system. Based on risk evaluation and food safety consideration, this draft amendment will add 3 more categories (namely egg products, edible vinegars and infant foods) of food businesses to establish the traceability system. Besides, to strengthen the management of food additives products, the implementation date of requirements for certain scales of food additives importers and manufacturers with business registration, company registration or factory registration to use electronic uniform invoices will advance from 1 January 2019 to 1 January 2018.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information

8.	Relevant documents: (1) Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation, (2) Enforcement Rules of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation, (3) Regulations Governing Traceability of Foods and Relevant Products and (4) Food Businesses Shall Establish Traceability System of Food Products (Public Notice (food No.1041302792) issued by Ministry of Health and Welfare).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2017, 1 January 2018, or 1 January 2019, depending on the categories and scales of the food business. For detailed information, please refer to the attachment
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of 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/cnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_4405_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/cnattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_4405_00_e.pdf