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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:	The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei City 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2343-1779 Fax: (886-2) 3343-3991 E-mail: anco.chi@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):	Non-wood walking sticks (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 Chinese, English translation available).
6. Description of content:	The safety for walking sticks products is highly concerned in Taiwan, especially in terms of non-wood walking sticks. In order to enhance the protection of elderly or disabled consumers, the BSMI intends to regulate the inspection requirements for non-wood walking sticks. The conformity assessment plan for all such products will be under the Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:	Consumer Protection.
8. Relevant documents:	The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 15192 (24 Oct. 2013)
9. Proposed date of adoption:	1 February 2014
Proposed date of entry into force:	1 July 2014
10. Final date for comments:	60 days from the date of notification.

11. Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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