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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2343-1772 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: <a href="mailto:shizuka.lai@bsmi.gov.tw">shizuka.lai@bsmi.gov.tw</a> <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Paints for buildings (HS Chapter 32).
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages in Chinese, English translation available)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Volatile organic compounds (VOC) are the precursor of ozone formation. The VOC emissions of the paints for buildings are approximately 5.64% of national pollutant discharge amount. The solvents, benzene, toluene, xylene and styrene which are used for manufacture of paints for buildings are harmful for health. For protecting the environment and the safety of consumers, the BSMI, after having consulted with interested parties, intends to regulate paints for buildings.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 601, CNS 606, CNS 2070, CNS 4940, CNS 8144
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 January 2012 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 May 2012

**10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from 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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