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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 Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100 TAIWAN Tel: (+8862) 2343 4510 Fax: (+8862) 3343 3991 E-mail: jack.cheng@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): Secondary lithium cells and batteries, secondary lithium mobile power bank and battery charger for computer, communication and consumer electronics (HS: Chapter 85).
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages in Chinese, English translation available).
6.	Description of content: The TPKM will intend to regulate secondary lithium cells and batteries, secondary lithium mobile power bank and battery charger for computer, communication and consumer electronics as commodities subject to mandatory inspection. As of 1 March 2014, all such products must be inspected by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI). The secondary lithium cells and batteries for computer, communication and consumer electronics must conform to the requirements of the CNS 15364 "Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications" when manufactured or imported. Meanwhile, the secondary lithium mobile power bank for computer, communication and consumer electronics must conform to the requirements of the CNS 15364 "Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications", CNS 14336-1 "Information technology equipment - Safety - Part 1: General requirements" and CNS 13438 "Information technology equipment - Radio disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement" when manufactured or imported. Then the battery charger for computer, communication

<p>and consumer electronics must conform to the requirements of the CNS 14336-1 "Information technology equipment - Safety - Part 1: General requirements" or CNS 14408 "Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus - Safety requirements" and CNS 13438 "Information technology equipment - Radio disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement - when manufactured or imported. The conformity assessment procedure of secondary lithium cells and <i>batteries</i>, secondary lithium mobile power bank and battery charger for computer, communication and consumer electronics is the Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme.</p>	
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection.
8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 15364 (2010), CNS 14336-1(2010), CNS 14408 (2004), CNS 13438(2006).
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: 1 March 2014</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification.
11.	<p>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:</p> <p>WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel.: (+886 2) 2343 1801 Fax: (+886 2) 2343 1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2013/tbt/CHT/13_3146_00_e.pdf</p>