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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. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Department of Commerce Ministry of Economic Affairs No.15, Fujhou St, Taipei, 100 TAIWAN Tel.: (+886 2) 2321 2200 ext. 328 Fax: (+886 2) 2392 2944 E-mail: jphsiung@moea.gov.tw Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site 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): Floor tiles, wall tiles, tiles and polished tiles.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed Labelling Criteria for Tiles.
6. Description of content: In response to requests from consumers for further information on tiles, the Department of Commerce intends to require the following information be labelled on tiles: (1) name of the commodity, (2) name, telephone number and address of the manufacturer and the name, telephone number and address of the importer if the tiles are imported, (3) country or region of manufacture, (4) main materials, (5) quantity, dimensions (in centimetre or millimetre) and grade, and (6) date of manufacturing. The proposed information is required to be labelled on the outside carton of packaging. The written language used shall be Chinese and may be supplemented by foreign languages. In addition, the information on country or region of manufacture shall also be clearly marked, by forming or sintering, on the back of blanks either in Chinese or foreign languages. Mosaic Tiles with areas less than 50 square centimetres and Extrusion Tiles are exempted from this requirement.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information.
8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Labelling Law
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: Six months after promulgation
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei, 100 Taiwan Tel.: (+886 2) 23431814 Fax.: (+886-2) 23431804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw