

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Environmental Protection Administration 41, Chungwa Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2311-7722 Fax: (886-2) 2311-6071 E-mail: <a href="mailto:soclee@sun.epa.gov.tw">soclee@sun.epa.gov.tw</a> <b>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:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 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> Gift boxes containing pastries, gift boxes containing processed foods, gift boxes containing cosmetics, gift boxes containing alcoholic products, disks of computer program works (HS chapters 16-24 and 33, HS 8524.39.90.29.4)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Proposed Regulation on Excessive Packaging Restriction (Notice #0940003701 issued by the Environmental Protection Administration (16 pages in Chinese, English translation available)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) plans to restrict the packaging of gift boxes containing pastries, cosmetics, alcoholic products, and/or processed foods, as well as disks of computer programs (together referred to as "designated products"). The space volume ratio of packaging of the designated products shall not exceed 25%. The space volume ratio of packaging made of a single material shall not exceed 35%. The number of packaging layers shall be no more than two for gift boxes containing cosmetics, alcoholic products, and/or processed foods. The number of packaging layers shall be no more than three for disks of computer programs and gift boxes containing pastries. The first stage of the regulation will be effective starting 1 July 2006, covering pastries, cosmetics, alcoholic products and disks of computer programs. The second stage, set for 1 July 2007, will cover processed foods. This regulation also requires the manufacturers, importers and sellers of the regulated products (together referred to as "designated industries") to offer products for packaging inspection without compensation. In addition, the designated industries shall offer catalogues of products, information about the buyers, sale dates to the buyers, suppliers, and sale dates of the suppliers of designated products, when required by enforcement officials.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Resource conservation and waste reduction.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Resources Recycling Act.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> May 2005 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 July 2006
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from date of notification.
<b>11.</b>	<b>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:</b>  WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan  Telephone: + (886-2) 3343-5115 Fax: + (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  Further information is available at: <a href="http://ivy2.epa.gov.tw/out_web/H/exm/main-all.htm">http://ivy2.epa.gov.tw/out_web/H/exm/main-all.htm</a>