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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 (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, 100 TAIWAN Tel.: (+8862) 2343 1908 Fax: (+8862) 3343 3991 E-mail: kl.huang@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): Servers, routers, bridges, switches and hubs for ITE or network use (HS: Chapter 84 & 85)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages, in Chinese)
6.	Description of content: The TPKM will intend to regulate servers, routers, bridges, switches and hubs for ITE or network use as commodities subject to mandatory inspection. As of 1 January 2012, all such products must conform to the safety and EMC inspection requirements when imported into or marketed in the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu. All the technical requirements for the aforementioned products are CNS standards that have been harmonized with relevant IEC or CISPR standards. For servers, there are two alternative conformity assessment procedures are available to manufacturers and importers at their choice, namely the Registration of Product Certification (RPC) or the Type-approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme. For routers, bridges, switches and hubs, the Declaration of Conformity Scheme are applicable.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection

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8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 13438 (2006), CNS 14336-1 (2010)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 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: 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) 2343 1801 Fax: (+886 2) 2343 1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw and http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/TPKM/11_1339_00_e.pdf