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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: Council of Labor Affairs Executive Yuan 9th Floor, No.83, Section 2 Yanping N. Road, Datong District Taipei, 10346 TAIWAN Tel.: (+8862) 8590 2777 Fax: (+8862) 8590 2960 E-mail: hooker@mail.cla.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 [], 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): Any new chemical substances which are not listed on the existing chemical inventory maintained by the Council of Labor Affairs
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Amendment to the Labor Safety and Health Act (English translation available)
6.	Description of content: There have been a wave of actions taken internationally concerning the management of chemical substances over the past decade, including the publication of related Conventions by the ILO (Occupational Safety and Health Convention, Chemicals Convention and Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention), GHS (2002), SAICM (2006), EU REACH (2006) and Global Plan of Action for Workers Health. To keep pace with international initiatives in this respect, the Council of Labor Affairs intends to amend the Labor Safety and Health Act to require obligations of hazardous chemicals operators to label, register, evaluate and obtain permit of hazardous chemical substances (mainly the amendments to Articles 10, 13 and 14).
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To prevent occupational hazards and protect workers' health and safety.

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8.	Relevant documents: N/A
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
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 available at: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/TPKM/11_2011_00_e.pdf