

# 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>Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health (DOH) No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Tel.: +(886 2) 27878000 ext 7343 Fax: +(886 2) 26531062 E-mail: <a href="mailto:xenia26@fda.gov.tw">xenia26@fda.gov.tw</a>  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.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [X], 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> Pre-packaged foods.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Regulations Governing the Label of Country of Origin for Pre-packaged Foods (2 pages in English).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Pre-packaged foods shall conspicuously indicate its country of origin or letters with the same meaning in Chinese, except when the company labelled in Chinese is expressively represented as the manufacturer and its address is sufficient to show country of origin. The pre-packaged foods containing beef and cattle edible offal shall also indicate country of origin of the beef and cattle edible offal or letters with the same meaning.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection. Under the premise of food safety, to provide consumers with clearly identified information, regulate the manufacturers need to label country of origin of the beef and cattle edible offal or letters with the same meaning. Some consumers, who wish to select the veterinary drug-free beef or cattle edible offal, could use the information in the food label to select items by their own choice.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Act Governing Food Sanitation.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> } <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> } To be determined

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**10. Final date for comments:** 22 August 2012

**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:**

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