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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: Ministry of Transportation and Communications No.50, Sec. 1, Ren-ai Rd., Jhongheng District, Taipei City 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2349-2162 Fax: (886-2) 2349-9887 E-mail: cw_tsao@motc.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): Vehicles of categories N and O (small vehicles excluded)	
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Vehicle Safety Testing Directions (1 page in Chinese, English translation available)	
6.	Description of content: The draft revision includes proposed amendment to the existing requirement of specification for motor vehicles and adoption of international safety regulations regarding mechanical coupling. This action is part of our commitment to implement APEC TPT-WG action plan to adopt ECE safety regulations.	
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To enhance vehicle safety and reduce the risk of open or disengage of mechanical coupling.	
8.	Relevant documents: ECE R55 Regulation	
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	To be determined - For the requirement of specification for motor vehicle: 1 January 2012 - For mechanical coupling: 1 January 2010
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:

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