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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 Telephone: (+886-2) 2343-1783 Fax: (+886-2) 3343-3991 E-mail: james.wang@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): De-humidifiers (HS Chapters 84 and 85)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (3 pages, in Chinese, English translation available)
6.	Description of content: The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu intends to amend the regulation for de-humidifiers as commodities subject to legal inspection by extending the inspection scope from those that are single phase, not exceeding 300V, not exceeding 500W, compression-type to those that are single phase, not exceeding 300V, not exceeding 1000W, compression-type. The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection is proposing that, beginning from 1 March 2011, de-humidifiers covered in the new inspection scope must comply with related CNS standards when imported or placed on the market. This notice also provides the applicable conformity assessment procedures. 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.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection

8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 12492, CNS 3765 (harmonised with IEC 60335-1), IEC60335-2-40, CNS 13783-1 (harmonised with CISPR 14-1)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 March 2011
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 Telephone: (+886-2) 3343-5115 Fax: (+886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw And can also be downloaded here: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/tbt/tpkm/10_2441_00_e.pdf