

# 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>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan  Telephone: (+886 2) 2343 1993 Fax: (+886 2) 2343 1989 E-mail: belinda.ha@bsmi.gov.tw  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ X ], 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> General
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Amendments to the Commodity Inspection Act (13 pages, in Chinese, English translation available)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> For the purpose of facilitating trade and expediting customs clearance, draft amendments are proposed to the Commodity Inspection Act to consolidate the provisions to streamline the physical operations. The proposal includes deletion of 1 Article, revision of 19 Articles and addition of 5 Articles. A summary of the draft amendment is described below:  1. To relax border control by shortening the process required for products to be placed on the market.  2. To prohibit display of non-compliant commodities by distributors so as to reduce the possibility of such products to be placed on the market for circulation.  3. To require disclosure of accurate testing results by manufacturers to reduce the cost of consumers spent in verifying the information presented in advertisements.  To require that manufacturers comply with new inspection standards when it is deemed necessary to fulfil the objectives of safety, health, environmental protection, improving the efficiency of resource utilization, or other public welfare purposes.

7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> -
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> }   To be determined
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from date of notification
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b>  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  Chinese description available at:  <a href="http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/TPKM23chinese.pdf">http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/TPKM23chinese.pdf</a>