

# 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.

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b><br>Bureau of Energy<br>Ministry of Economic Affairs<br>12F, 2 Fu-Hsing North Road, Taipei, 104, Taiwan<br><br>Telephone: (+8862) 2772 1370<br>Fax: (+8862) 2711 5891<br>E-mail: energy@moeaboe.gov.tw<br><br><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> Non-ducted air conditioners, electric refrigerators, ballasts for fluorescent lamp   |
| 5. | <b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Amendments to the minimum energy efficiency requirements for non-ducted air conditioners, electric refrigerators, and ballasts for fluorescent lamp (3 pages in Chinese, English translation available. The English version is for reference only. In case of any discrepancies between the two texts, the Chinese text shall govern.)  |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> With a view to enhancing the efficiency of energy use, the Bureau of Energy intends to amend the current minimum energy efficiency requirements for three products (non-ducted air conditioners, electric refrigerators, and ballasts for fluorescent lamps), which constitute the major groups of energy-consuming appliances. A transitional period ranging from 3 to 5 or 10 years will be allowed for manufacturers to adapt to the proposed new requirements. Test methods of the proposed minimum energy efficiency requirements would be based on related national standards. |

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| <b>7.</b>  | <b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b><br>To promote energy using efficiency of said products to achieve the goal of energy conservation and environmental protection.  |
| <b>8.</b>  | <b>Relevant documents:</b> Energy Management Law.  |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b><br><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> } To be determined  |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Final date for comments:</b> 30 November 2005   |
| <b>11.</b> | <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><br><br>WTO/TBT Enquiry Point<br>Information Center<br>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection<br>Ministry of Economic Affairs<br>4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan<br><br>Telephone: (+8862) 2343 1978, 2343 1985<br>Fax: (886 2) 3343 5173, 2343 1986<br>E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw<br><br>Chinese description available at:<br><a href="http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/11150204.pdf">http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/11150204.pdf</a><br><br>English translation available at:<br><a href="http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/Proposedamendmenttotheminimumenergyefficiencyrequirements.pdf">http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/Proposedamendmenttotheminimumenergyefficiencyrequirements.pdf</a> |