

# 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

<b>1. 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>
<b>2. 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>  <b>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:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Bulk foods.
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Regulations Governing the Labelling of Bulk Foods (2 pages in English).
<b>6. Description of content:</b>  1. Food retailers with company registration or business registration:  a) Bulk foods such as material other than beef or edible cattle offal must be labelled with product name and country of origin or letters with the same meaning;  b) Bulk foods such as material for beef or edible cattle offal must be labelled with product name, country of origin and country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offal or letters with the same meaning; if the contents include a single item of raw beef or edible cattle offal, it is permitted to label just one option i.e. either country of origin of the food or country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offal; in case of foods for baking (roasting) and dealing with ready-to-eat foods on-site, the food is only labelled with country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offal.  2. Food retailers without company registration or business registration: Bulk foods such as material for beef or edible cattle offal must be labelled with country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offal or letters with the same meaning.

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<b>7.</b>	<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 retailers 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.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Act Governing Food Sanitation
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b>
	} To be determined.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 22 August 2012
<b>11.</b>	<b>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:</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) 2343-1801 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/TPKM/12_3399_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/TPKM/12_3399_00_e.pdf</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/TPKM/12_3399_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/TPKM/12_3399_00_x.pdf</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/TPKM/12_3399_01_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/tbt/TPKM/12_3399_01_x.pdf</a>