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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. Notifying Member: <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 Environmental Protection Administration 83, Chungwa Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2311-7722 Fax: (886-2) 2331-7741 E-mail: yenwenchen@epa.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 [], 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): A. Cosmetics used for washing hair, cosmetics used for bathing, cosmetics used for face-washing, and soap as defined in relevant provisions of the Statute for Control of Cosmetic Hygiene B. Toothpaste Please Refer to attachment
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Restrictions on the Manufacture, Import, and Sale of Personal Care and Cosmetics Products Containing Plastic Microbeads (Draft) (5 pages, in English; 3 pages, in Chinese)
6. Description of content: With a view to protecting marine environment from plastic microbeads influence, the Environmental Protection Administration intends to propose restrictions on the manufacture, import and sale of personal care and cosmetics products containing plastic microbeads, in reference to the detail and control schedule of the US Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015. Two transition periods will be provided for businesses to comply with the new requirements. For manufacturers and importers, the requirements will be effective on 1 July 2018; for vendors, the requirements will be effective on 1 January 2020.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Environmental protection, marine ecosystem
8. Relevant documents: Waste Disposal Act, Statute for Control of Cosmetic Hygiene, Chinese National Standards (CNS) 15492

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2018
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: TPKM-WTO/TBT Enquiry Point Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs No.4, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd. Zhongzheng Dist. Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 3343-5191 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw https://members.wto.org/crattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_4322_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crattachments/2016/TBT/TPKM/16_4322_00_e.pdf