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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 (Articles 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: cj.wang@bsmi.gov.tw 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:
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): Electrical blankets, pads, mattresses, mats, body warmer and similar electrical warming appliances for personal use (HS Chapters 63, 85 and 94)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (4 pages, in Chinese)
6.	Description of content: The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu intends to regulate electrical blankets, pads, mattresses, mats, body warmer and similar electrical warming appliances for personal use as commodities subject to inspection. As of November 1, 2005, all such products must be inspected by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, and must conform to the safety and EMC inspection requirements when imported or marketed. All the technical requirements for the aforementioned products are CNS standards that have been harmonized with relevant IEC or CISPR standards, and IEC standards. 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 3765, CNS 3765-81, CNS 13783-1, IEC 60335-2-17, IEC 60335-2-23.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 August 2005 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 November 2005
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
11.	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: 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: http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/notificati/ROC/Chinesedocument.pdf