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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. | 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: Department of Commerce Ministry of Economic Affairs No.15, Fujhou Street Taipei 100, Taiwan Telephone: (+886-2) 2321 2200 ext. 328 Fax: (+886-2) 2392 2944 E-mail: jphsiung@moea.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 [], 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): 1. Fabrics (clothing, upholstery), yarns & threads for crochet, knit, embroidery and sewing. 2. Bed sheetings, bedspreads, pillowcases, quilt covers, quilt, blankets, cover towelings, sleeping bags, pillows, mattresses, cushions, carpets, mats, towels and bath-towels. 3. Tablecloths, napkins, table pads, sofa covers, chair covers, curtains and draperies. |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendments to the Labelling Criteria for Textiles |
| 6. | Description of content: The Labelling Criteria for Textiles was amended in August 2006 to add a requirement for the labelling of telephone numbers of manufacturers or importers so as to provide the consumers with the necessary information about the products. The labelling of this additional information is required to be labelled on the body of products in the form of sewing tags or hang-on tags or labelled on the inner or outer wrappers. |

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| In addition, the labelling of country of origin shall be made in the form of sewing tags, together with other information such as fibre contents and care instructions, in a manner that the tags are placed in a conspicuous place and the labelled information is not worn-out or becomes indelible after washing. The country of origin and other information shall also be labelled on the outside package for packaged textiles. | |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information. |
| 8. | Relevant documents: The Commodity Labelling Law |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: 16 August 2006 Proposed date of entry into force: 16 February 2007 |
| 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 English translation available at: http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/membercon/AmendmentstotheLabellingCriteriaforTextiles.pdf |