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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) 2343-1908 Fax: (+886-2) 3343-3991 E-mail: ws.lin@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): Electric shredder and other digital audio recording apparatus (HS: Chapters 84 and 85).
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, Kinmen and Matsu intends to regulate electric shredder and other digital audio recording as commodities subject to inspection. As of 1 July 2007, all such products must be inspected by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, and must conform to the safety and EMC inspection requirements (except that the digital cameras and digital video cameras are required to comply with EMC requirements only) 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. This notice also provides the applicable conformity assessment procedures. The digital cameras and digital video cameras will be subject to Declaration of Conformity scheme, while others will be subject to a dual-track approach to conformity assessment procedures, namely Registration of Product Certification or Type-approved Batch Inspection.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 14408, CNS 14336, CNS 13439, CNS 13783-1
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 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 Tel.: (+886-2) 2343-1814 Fax: (+886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw English translation available at: http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/membercon/ProposalforLegalInspectionofElectricShredderandOtherDigitalAudioRecorder.pdf