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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: Department of Commerce Ministry of Economic Affairs No.15 , Fujhou St, 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): Shoes to be processed and formed from vamps and soles made of rubber, plastic, leather, synthetic leather, fabrics or wood.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Labelling Criteria for Shoes (1 page in Chinese, English translation available).
6.	Description of content: In response to requests from consumers for further information on shoes, the Department of Commerce require the following information be labelled on shoes: (1) Name of the commodity, (2) Name, telephone number, and address of the manufacturer, or of the importer if applicable, (3) Country of region, (4) Main materials of vamps and soles and (5) Size. The proposed information is required to be labelled on the commodity itself, or sew-on tags, or stick-on tags, or attached cards, or outside packaging. The written language used shall be mainly in Chinese and may be supplemented by foreign languages. Country of region shall be clearly marked on conspicuous places of the commodity itself in Chinese or foreign languages by branding, ironing, printing, or sew-on tags that could not be removed or replaced. Disposable indoor slippers made of paper or fabrics are exempted from the requirements.

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: 8 September 2006 Proposed date of entry into force: 6 months after adoption
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) 334 35115 Fax: (+886-2) 234 31804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw English translation available at: http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/upload/b05/TBT/membercon/LabelingCriteriaforShoes.pdf