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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 Health 100 Ai-Kuo East Road Taipei 100, Taiwan Telephone: +886-2-2321 0151 Fax: +886-2-2396 8847 E-mail: fssl@doh.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): Pre-packaged Foods
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed requirement for labelling country of origin on pre-packaged foods under the Act Governing Food Sanitation (2 pages in Chinese, English translation available).
6.	Description of content: Article 17 of the Act Governing Food Sanitation sets out the information to be labelled on food products. In response to requests made by consumers for information on the country of origin of food products, the Department of Health intends to require that pre-packaged foods be labelled country of origin on the container or packaging in a conspicuous manner and the font shall not be smaller than 2mm in width and length. Where the full address (including the country name) of the manufacturer is labelled conspicuously on the packaging, it shall be deemed to comply with the requirement and country of origin needs not to be additionally labelled. The labelling of country of origin on imported foods shall comply with the Regulations Governing the Determination of Country of Origin of an Import Good announced by the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Economic Affairs.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information
8.	Relevant documents: Act Governing Food Sanitation, Regulations Governing the Determination of Country of Origin of an Import Good.

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9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} 1 November 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 The English translations of the regulatory texts are available at: For Act Governing Food Sanitation http://www.doh.gov.tw/EN/Webpage/content.aspx?Lmenu=Lmenu5&Rmenu=&class_no=248&now_fod_list_no=248&array_fod_list_no=&level_no=1&doc_no=40116&show=show For Regulation s Governing the Determination of Country of Origin of an Import Good: http://doca.mof.gov.tw/ct.asp?xItem=26185&ctNode=99&mp=2	