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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: Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) 41 Jhonghua Road, Section 1, Taipei, 10042, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2311-7722 Fax: (886-2) 2331-7741 E-mail: plwei@sun.epa.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): Eggs, fresh foods (such as vegetables, fruits, meats and sea foods), dried foods, Sushi, salad, cooled noodles, deli and bakery.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal on the Restricted Use of Plastic Trays and Packaging. (6 pages in Chinese, English translation available).
6. Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Containers to be regulated:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Plastic trays and boxes used in hypermarkets and supermarkets for packaging eggs, fresh foods, deli and bakery.Plastic disposable food containers used in hypermarkets and supermarkets.Tray, boxes and food containers containing PET, PS, PVC, PE or PP are considered plastic.Content of the Regulation: hypermarkets and supermarkets shall reduce 25% yearly use of the regulated containers.Hypermarkets and supermarkets may use the following approaches to achieving the targeted goal of reduction:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Use no trays or boxes.Reduce the weights of regulated containers.Replace regulated containers with containers made of other materials, such as paper, plant fibres, and biodegradable materials.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation: Use Reduction Rate = “percentage of substitutes used” + “percentage of weight reduction of regulated containers” • Obligations: hypermarkets and supermarkets shall submit reduction plans to the local Environmental Protection Bureau every year and implement such plans. Hypermarkets and supermarkets shall report the reduction rate achieved in the previous year to the local Environmental Protection Bureau. • Penalties: Violators shall be imposed a fine at the amount from NTD 30,000 to 150,000 				
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Resource conservation and waste reduction				
8.	Relevant documents: Resources Recycling Act				
9.	<table> <tr> <td>Proposed date of adoption:</td><td>To be determined</td></tr> <tr> <td>Proposed date of entry into force:</td><td>1 July 2007</td></tr> </table>	Proposed date of adoption:	To be determined	Proposed date of entry into force:	1 July 2007
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10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification				
11.	<p>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:</p> <p>WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan</p> <p>Telephone: +(886-2) 2343-1814 Fax: +(886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</p>				