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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 (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: +(886 2) 2343 1772 Fax: +(886 2) 2392 2402 E-mail: lucan.chang@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 [], 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): Parquet, Block flooring, Strip flooring and Composite wood flooring (HS: 44)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (2 pages in Chinese, English translation available).
6.	Description of content: Parquet, block flooring, strip flooring and composite wood flooring have been widely used as a kind of building materials these days. The public is concerned about pollution of indoor air by formaldehyde emitted from adhesive bonded wood products and demands restriction on the use of formaldehyde glue in parquet, block flooring, strip flooring and composite wood flooring products. The BSMI, after having consulted with interested parties, intends to regulate formaldehyde of these products.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 2871, CNS 11341, CNS 11342
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 May 2008 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 August 2008

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) 2343 1814 Fax: +(886 2) 2343 1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw English translation available at: http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/lp?ctNode=363&CtUnit=277&BaseDSD=7&mp=13