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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 (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: The Council of Agriculture (COA) 37 Nan Hai Road, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (+8862) 2312 4618 Fax: (+8862) 2312 3827 E-mail: wshsu@mail.coa.gov.tw Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email 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): Imported organic agricultural products and organic agricultural processed products.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Management System of Imported Organic Agricultural Products and Organic Agricultural Processed Products (2 pages in Chinese, English translation available).
6.	Description of content: The Agricultural Production and Certification Act was promulgated on 29 January 2007 to improve the quality and safety of agricultural products and their processed products placed on the market. According to Article 6 of the Act and Article 3 of the Enforcement Rules, a management system of imported organic agricultural products and organic agricultural processed products shall be established to ensure that agricultural products labelled "organic" comply with organic requirements so as to protect the rights of consumers.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection; prevention of deceptive and misleading labelling practices
8.	Relevant documents: The Agricultural Production and Certification Act, Enforcement Rules of the Agricultural Production and Certification Act, Imported Organic Agricultural Product and Organic Agricultural Processed Product Management Regulations (amended draft), Supplementary Explanation of Documents Required by the Council of Agriculture to Conduct Review of Organic Equivalency.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} 29 January 2009
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification	
11.	Text 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: (+8862) 3343 5140 Fax: (+8862) 2343 1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw English translation available at: http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/lp?ctNode=2367&CtUnit=281&BaseDSD=7&mp=1	