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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

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> The Council of Agriculture (COA) 37 Nan Hai Road, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (+886-2) 2312-4618 Fax: (+886-2) 2312-3827 E-mail: <a href="mailto:wshsu@mail.coa.gov.tw">wshsu@mail.coa.gov.tw</a> <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Organic agricultural products and organic agricultural processed products
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Directions on Article 27 of the Agricultural Production and Certification Act (2 pages, in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> In order to further ease off the pressure of agricultural product operator to adapt to the new regulations upon the expiration of grace period specified in the Agricultural Production and Certification Act, the Council of Agriculture (COA) announced the "Directions on Article 27 of the Agricultural Production and Certification Act" on 22 January 2009, which extends the enforcement of Article 27 to 1 August 2009 for labelling of organic agricultural products and organic agricultural processed products produced before 31 January 2009.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection; prevention of deceptive and misleading labelling practices.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Directions on Article 27 of the Agricultural Production and Certification Act.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> }      22 January 2009
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from date of notification
<b>11.</b>	<b>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:</b>  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: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  and can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> .