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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

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| 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: Ministry of Finance 3F, 2 Ai Kuo West Road, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Tel.: (+886 2) 2322 7443 Fax: (+886 2) 2357 8380 Email: mavis@mail.nta.gov.tw 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: |
| 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): Alcohol products |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Amendments to the Tobacco and Alcohol Administration Act (40 pages in Chinese). |
| 6. | Description of content: In order to enhance the protection of consumers, the following supplementary labelling requirements for alcohol products are added to the aforesaid draft amendments: (1) For alcohol products in a plastic or paper container, the expiration date or bottling date shall be indicated, and the period of validity shall also be included if the bottling date is indicated on the label; (2) Labelling is prohibited to use wording claiming that products have medical or health care effects. Similarly, associated phrases or images which suggest or imply medical or health care effects are also prohibited. For imported alcohol products, the contents of labelling in the Chinese language may not include items not printed on the original label; (3) Alcohol producers using other producers' products to process or manufacture alcohol products may not use wording indicating the origin, flavour, or any other phrases related to the original alcohol. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information |

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| 8. | Relevant documents: Draft Amendments to the Tobacco and Alcohol Administration Act (Article related to labelling requirements on alcohol products. Three pages of the English translation of Article 33 which sets forth labelling requirements for alcohol products are available). |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 60 days from the circulation date |
| 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 Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Tel.: (+886-2) 3343-5140 Fax: (+886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw And can also be downloaded here: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2010/tbt/tpkm/10_1483_00_e.pdf |