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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 Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2343-4521 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: allen.kuo@bsmi.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): Bags, cases and trunks commodities (HS/CCCN 4202.11.00.00.5, 4202.12.00.10.2, 4202.12.00.20.0, 4202.19.00.00.7, 4202.21.00.00.3, 4202.22.00.10.0, 4202.22.00.20.8, 4202.29.00.00.5)
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: Complaints from customers have been raised about the disgusting odour they smell when opening the newly-bought bags, cases or trunks and about the bad performance of such products, including the broken shoulder straps, rusted metal accessories, malfunctioned pull rods, etc. The testing performed by the BSMI on marketed travelling trunks in years 2007 and 2008 indicated high level lead (Pb) in plastics and their labels did not show where they were manufactured. The BSMI, after having consulted with interested parties, intends to regulate the safety and physical performance 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 15331
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 August 2010 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 November 2010

10.	Final date for comments: 30 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 Telephone: (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_2440_00_e.pdf