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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.	<b>Notifying Member:</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>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei, 100 TAIWAN Tel.: (+8862) 2343 1781 Fax: (+8862) 3343 3991 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cling.tau@bsmi.gov.tw">cling.tau@bsmi.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>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Gas Stoves, Gas Ovens and Instantaneous Gas Water Heaters (CCCN 7321.11.00.00.5A, 7321.81.00.00.0A and 8419.11.00.00.6)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (1 page in Chinese, English translation available).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Currently, Gas Stoves, Gas Ovens and Instantaneous Gas Water Heaters are subject to mandatory inspection by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI). The BSMI will adopt the revised standards: CNS 13603 "Gas burning water heaters for domestic use" and CNS 13604 "Gas burning cooking appliances for domestic use" (promulgated on March 25, 2011) as new testing and inspecting standards instead of the current CNS 13603 and CNS 13604 (promulgated on 9 September 2003). The BSMI is proposing that, beginning from 1 April 2012, Gas Stoves, Gas Ovens and Instantaneous Gas Water Heaters covered in the inspection scope must comply with the revised standards when imported or placed on the market.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection

<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Please see section 5.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 April 2012
<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 Tel.: (+8862) 2343 1801 Fax: (+8862) 2343 1804 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/TPKM/11_3687_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/TPKM/11_3687_00_e.pdf</a>