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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: Food and Drug Administration Department of Health, Executive Yuan No. 161-2, Kunyang Road, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Tel.: (886 2) 27878000 ext.7361 Fax: (886 2) 26531062 E-mail: mailto:chao@fda.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): Plastic Food Utensils, Containers, and Packages
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Regulations Governing the Labeling of Plastic Food Utensils, Containers and Packages (2 pages, English).
6.	Description of content: I. The regulations governing the "labeling of Plastic Food Utensils, Containers, and Packages" are as follows: (1) Product name. (2) Polymer material name. (3) Heat-resisting temperature. (4) Name, telephone number and address of the company; in the case of import, name, telephone number and address of the responsible domestic company. (5) Place of origin (country). (6) Net weight, capacity, quantity or measurement, etc. The labeling on net weight, capacity or measurement shall be in legal metrology units; and if necessary, it should also be specified in other units. (7) Manufacture date. For product with validity, it shall be specified with the effective date or validity period. (8) Precautions for use or warning.

<p>II. The labeling modes are as follows:</p> <p>(1) Plastic bottles (cups), feeding bottles, and lunch boxes (including crispers) that are used repeatedly:</p> <p>1. The polymer material name, heat-resisting temperature and other matters shall be printed, stamped or embossed on the product's body of the smallest selling unit.</p> <p>2. The product name, company name, telephone number and address, manufacture date, place of origin (country), net weight, capacity, quantity, measurement and other matters shall be printed, stamped or labeled on the packaging of the smallest selling unit or on the product's body.</p> <p>(2) The product labeling on disposable plastic food utensils, containers and packages shall be printed, stamped, embossed or labeled on packaging of the smallest selling unit or on the product's body.</p> <p>(3) With regard to the aforesaid label printing and stamping methods, they shall be principally non-color fading and non-falling off.</p> <p>(4) No falsehood is allowed in the labeling contents.</p> <p>(5) If a product is composed of more than two kinds of polymer materials, it shall be openly labeled respectively.</p> <p>(6) For date labeling, it shall be marked in a way that is customarily decipherable of year/month/date or year/month. For indication in year/month, it is presumed that the product is made at the end of that particular month.</p> <p>(7) The length and width of the characters marked on the labels shall not be less than two millimeters.</p>	
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: Act Governing Food Sanitation
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
11.	<p>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:</p> <p>WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2343-1801 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</p> <p>Also available here:</p> <p>http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/tbt/TPKM/11_0070_00_e.pdf</p>