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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 (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs 4, Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100 Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2343-4517 Fax: (886-2) 2392-2402 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cp.tsai@bsmi.gov.tw">cp.tsai@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> Textile products (refer to attachment)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Announcement for Amendment to Legal Inspection of Textile Products (Babies garments and clothing accessories, Towels, Sweaters, Garments, Swimwear, Underwear, Hosiery and Bedding), (15 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) is very concerned about the safety of textiles, no matter where they might be manufactured. To protect consumer rights and interests, all textiles for babies' garments and clothing accessories and part of textiles with direct contact to skin, such as towel, bedding, and underwear, whether domestically produced or imported from abroad, must be in compliance with the inspection requirements before they are released from the production premises or the Customs. Part of textiles with direct contact to skin, such as garments, sweaters, swimwear, and hosiery, must be in compliance with the inspection requirements before they are released into the market. The main measure of revised CNS 15290 increases the requirements with limitation of Nonylphenoethoxylates (NPEO) and Nonylphenol (NP) less than 1,000 mg/kg for children below the age of 12 in Article 4.7. Meanwhile, the measure increases the inspection scope of bed linen commodities, including bed linen textiles in HS Code 6302 and blankets and travelling rugs in HS Code 6301, whether domestically produced or imported from abroad, must be in compliance with the inspection requirements before they are released from the production premises or the Customs.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer protection
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 15290, Labelling Criteria for Apparel And Garments, Labelling Criteria for Textiles
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 3 March 2014 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 July 2014
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of notification
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  WTO/TBT Enquiry Point The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4, Chinan Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100 Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2343-1801 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_3003_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_3003_00_e.pdf</a>