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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

<b>1. 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>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Environmental Protection Administration 83, Chungwa Road, Section 1 Taipei City 100 Taiwan Tel.: (886-2) 2311-7722 Fax: (886-2) 2331-7741 E-mail: <a href="mailto:yenwenchen@epa.gov.tw">yenwenchen@epa.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>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> One-time-use non-button type cell batteries: manganese-zinc batteries and alkaline manganese batteries (CCC-code: 8506.10.21.006, 8506.10.22.005, 8506.10.90.100); One-time-use button cell batteries: alkaline manganese batteries, mercuric oxide batteries and silver oxide batteries (CCC-code: 8506.10.90.903, 8506.30.00.007, 8506.40.00.005)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Revisions to the "Restrictions on the Manufacture, Import, and Sale of Dry Cell Batteries", relating to button cell batteries taking effect from 1 January 2017, and the remaining provisions taking effect from 1 January 2015. (Notice #1030070196 issued by the Environment Protection Administration) (14 pages, in Chinese; English translation available)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The new revision expands the scope of the restrictions to cover button cell batteries. The restrictions thus cover "designated battery"- one-time-use non-button type cell batteries and button cell batteries. At the same time, the new revision also assigns the Maximum Permitted Heavy Metal Content, especially for mercury and cadmium content, among different battery types.  From 1 January 2016, the mercury and cadmium content of the non-button type cell batteries must be less than 1 ppm and 20 ppm, respectively. From 1 January 2017, the mercury and cadmium content of the button type cell batteries must less than 5 ppm and 20 ppm, respectively. Battery manufacturers or importers should apply for the "mercury or cadmium content confirmation document" before manufacture, import, or sale of the batteries.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Environmental protection
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Waste Disposal Act
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2015
<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_4486_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_4486_00_e.pdf</a>  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_4486_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/tbt/CHT/14_4486_00_x.pdf</a>