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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 (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs 4 Chinan Road, Section 1, Taipei, 100, Taiwan Telephone: (886-2) 2343-1906 Fax: (886-2) 3343-3991 E-mail: by.liou@bsmi.gov.tw Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site 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 [X], 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): Information Technology Equipment that is already subject to EMC inspection requirements. (HS Chapters 84, 85 and 90)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act (12 pages, in Chinese)
6.	Description of content: The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu intends to regulate the safety requirements for Information Technology (IT) equipment that are already subject to EMC requirements. As of July 1, 2005, all such products must further conform to the safety requirements when imported or marketed. The inspection requirements are CNS standards that have been harmonized with relevant IEC or CISPR standards. This notice also provides the applicable conformity assessment procedures. The notice covers a total of 45 items of IT equipment, 18 being subject to Declaration of Conformity scheme and 25 being subject to a dual-track approach (Registration of Product Certification or Type-approved Batch Inspection). The rest 2 items, being static converters for automatic data processing machine and switching power supplies, are subject to Registration of Product Certification (a change of the EMC conformity assessment procedure for these two items from currently Declaration of Conformity to Registration of Product Certification is also proposed as a result of a review of the effectiveness the conformity assessment procedure applied).

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7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 13438, 14757-2, 14336, 14843-1 and 14843-2
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 15 September 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2005
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
11.	Texts 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) 3343-5115 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw