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REPLIES TO THE SURVEY

Communication from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu

The following communication, dated 29 May 1998, has been received from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

With reference to your letter of 19 February 1998 concerning the survey on certain standards-related matters for information technology products, I have the pleasure of submitting Chinese Taipei's response as attached.

1. Does your government have mandatory technical regulations to ensure the safety of Information Technology equipment? If so, please identify. Are these requirements harmonized with IEC 950? If not, please explain the current practice.

In accordance with the Commodity Inspection Act and Telecommunications Act, the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) and Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) have designated a list of commodities subject to mandatory inspection to ensure their conformity with technical standards prior to their importation and sale on the local market. At present, only the following products covered by the ITA are subject to mandatory standards which are not harmonized with IEC950:

- (a) Line telephone sets with cordless handsets (8517.11.00), which are subject to Chinese National Standard (hereinafter: CNS) No. 13452.
- (b) Other telephone sets (HS8517.19.90), which are subject to CNS No. 11011.
- (c) Facsimile machine (8517.21.00), which is subject to CNS No. 13233.
- (d) Copying apparatus (HS9009), which is subject to Provisional Regulation Regarding Copying Apparatus.

Copies of CNS13452, 11011, 13233 and Provisional Regulation Regarding Copying Apparatus are available at the Secretariat¹ for consultation by participants. In addition, MOEA is drafting standards that will harmonize with IEC950.

2. Does your government have mandatory technical regulations to ensure electromagnetic compatibility of Information Technology equipment? If so, please identify. Are these requirements harmonized with CISPR 22? If not, please explain the current practice.

The electromagnetic compatibility of IT products is regulated by the Commodity Inspection Act and Telecommunications Act. The inspection is conducted in accordance with CNS13438, which is harmonized with CISPR22.

3. What conformity assessment procedures, either in respect of the product or the manufacturing process, does your government require for approval of information technology products (including electro-magnetic compatibility (EMC), electrical safety, telecommunications and radio terminal equipment, and other areas)?

May suppliers perform these procedures (e.g; testing, declaration of conformity), or must third parties perform these procedures?

What international guidelines or standards, if any, are those procedures based on?

- I. The conformity assessment procedures for EMC tests are as follows: first, the importers and local manufacturers must obtain test reports of their commodities from laboratories designated by Directorate General of Telecommunications (DGT) or Bureau of Commodities Inspection and Quarantine (BCIQ). DGT is responsible for line terminal equipment and radio terminal equipment conformity assessment; while other commodities are subject to approval by the BICQ. Second, the BCIQ or DGT, after reviewing the test reports by designated laboratories, will issue EMC identification numbers for the commodities upon approval on

¹ Available for consultation in the Market Access Division (Room 3142).

EMC type of products. The commodities can then follow the normal procedure for customs clearance and be placed on the market for sale.

- II. For safety tests, importers and local manufacturers need to present products ex-factory or imported for inspection by the BCIQ or DGT. Laboratories designated by the BCIQ or DGT will perform inspection by selecting samples. After the passage of safety inspection by the BCIQ or DGT, a certificate will be issued for sale.
 - III. As for telecommunications and radio terminal equipment, Chinese Taipei adopts conformity assessment procedures based on ITU-T Recommendation, FCC PART 15, 95 and 97, and CCIR R.493-4 attachment I, II. In general, importers or manufacturers are required to apply for inspection with the Directorate General of Telecommunications (DGT) prior to market distribution or private consumption. If the commodities possess test reports from laboratories designated by DGT, applicants need not send samples, though DGT reserves the right to request for samples further inspection.
 - IV. The conformity assessment procedures required for IT products are mainly performed by the BCIQ or DGT. For the time being we do not accept the supplier's declaration of conformity since it requires amendments to the Commodity Inspection Act and the establishment of an effective market surveillance system; both changes are currently being evaluated.
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