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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.	Notifying Member: <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: Department of Commerce Ministry of Economic Affairs No. 15, Fujhou Street, Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel: (+886-2) 2321-2200 ext. 8347 Fax: (+886-2) 2392-2944 E-mail: pclee@moea.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): Commodities governed by the Commodity Labeling Act that exclude food, pharmaceutical products, cosmetics, tobacco, alcohol, pesticides, grains, feeds and environmental agents.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Amendment to Commodity Labeling Act (4 page(s), in English; 3 page(s), in Chinese)
6.	Description of content: The last amendment to the Commodity Labeling Act was published on 26 January 2011. However, there has been rapid commercial development in the recent years, such as online shopping becoming one of the major shopping methods for consumers and electronic labeling gradually being prevalent. As per the current Commodity Labeling Act, the only measure for dealing with the breach of labeling requirements is to issue notice for rectification that require the business operators to correct label before a time limit. If the rectification is not made before a time limit, penalty may be imposed. This measure is found hard to achieve effective management. In response to the modern commercial environment and in order to protect the consumers' right to know, the Ministry of Economic Affairs has conducted a full review to amend the Commodity Labeling Act.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling
8.	Relevant documents: Commodity Labeling Act

9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: WTO/TBT Enquiry Point Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs No. 4, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel: (886-2) 3343-5140 Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/TPKM/20_3011_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/TPKM/20_3011_00_x.pdf