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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> Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs No.4, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd. Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel: +(886-2) 2343-1964 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>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], 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> Fire-retardant Construction Materials - Fire-retardant hard fiberboards (HS:441192); - Fire-retardant insulation fiberboards (HS:441194); - Dressed rockwool boards for acoustic use (HS:6806.90); - Cement bonded wool and flake boards, cement bonded wood and flake boards (HS: 680800); - Gypsum boards (HS:6809.11); - Fiber cement boards, decorative exterior panel of fiber reinforced cement sidings, calcium silicate boards, slag gypsum boards (HS: 681182).
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Proposal for Amendments to the Inspection Requirements for Fire-retardant Construction Materials; (8 page(s), in Chinese), (2 page(s), in English)

<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Description of content:</b> With a view to enhancing the performance of fire-retardant construction materials, which are currently subject to mandatory inspection, to protect consumers, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) is proposing to update the inspection standards for fiber cement boards, gypsum boards, cement bonded wood-wool and flake boards, hard fiberboards, Insulation fiberboards, fiber reinforced cement sidings, fiber reinforced cement boards, regenerated fiber cement boards and sound absorbing materials to their current versions, published in 2017.</p> <p>The BSMI also proposes to adopt the procedure of Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) in place of Monitoring Inspection to speed up customs clearance. The alternative procedure of Registration of Product Certification (Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII) is still available for business operators to choose depending on their needs.</p> <p>Magnesium oxide boards, perlite boards and rock wool sheathing boards are proposed to be deleted from the mandatory inspection scope.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health or safety</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> The Commodity Inspection Act, CNS 3802: 2017, CNS 9456: 2017, CNS 9907: 2017, CNS 9911: 2017, CNS 11699: 2017, CNS 13777: 2017, CNS 14890: 2017 and CNS 15967: 2017.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 November 2022</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><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></p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Data/f1647569467758.pdf">https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Data/f1647569467758.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Attachment/f1647314578775.pdf">https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Attachment/f1647314578775.pdf</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TPKM/22_2423_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TPKM/22_2423_00_x.pdf</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TPKM/22_2423_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TPKM/22_2423_00_e.pdf</a></p>