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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION¹

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: Environmental Protection Administration No.83, Zhonghua Rd., Sec. 1, Zhongzheng District Taipei City 10042, Taiwan Tel: (886-2) 2371-2121 Fax: (886-2) 2381-0642 E-mail: phsheu@epa.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): Chemical products containing volatile organic compounds
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft of Revisions to the Air Pollution Control Act (23 page(s), in English; 51 page(s), in Chinese)
6. Description of content: The Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) is proposing revisions to the Air Pollution Control Act. Below is the summary of the revisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To reinforce the control of fuel, such as bituminous coal and petroleum coke, and to manage it by way of component standard and burning composition ratio of fuel.- To draw up regulations for local governments to reduce the quantities of pollutant emissions in Class 3 control regions.- To authorize local governments to demarcate air quality maintenance area depending on demand.- To prohibit motor vehicles from installing defeat devices to evade detection.- To add requirements for component standard for volatile organic compounds to ensure air quality.- To impose penalties for people who benefit from not observing Air Pollution Control Act, and to retrieve illegal benefits other than fine.

¹ Please note this notification was submitted to the WTO on 30 October 2017.

- To add the institution of whistleblower and grant reward money for populace and employees to report illegal behaviour.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To protect the environment and human health, the volatile organic compounds chemical products transported and sold in domestic market should follow component standard regulated by the EPA.
8. Relevant documents: None
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 The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs No.4, Sec 1, Jinan Road Zongzhang Dist, Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel:(886-2) 23431813 Fax:(886-2) 23431804 E-mail: bteng@bsmi.gov.tw https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_4825_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_4825_00_x.pdf