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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: Environmental Protection Administration No. 83, Sec 1, Zhonghua Rd. Zhongzheng Dist, Taipei City 10042, Taiwan Tel: (+886 2) 2325-7399 Fax: (+886 2) 2325-3823 Email: chhahsu@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 [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): Chemical substances
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendments to Regulation of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration (Draft) (21 page(s), in English; 59 page(s), in Chinese)
6. Description of content: The Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act (TCSCA) was amended and promulgated on 11 December 2013. Pursuant to TCSCA, the subordinate implementing law, "Regulation of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration and Management", was enacted on 11 December 2014. This proposal aims to update the provisions under the "Regulation of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration." Major amendments are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Harmonizing the information requirement between the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) and the Ministry of Labour regarding hazard assessment and exposure assessment;2. Issuing the registration number, instead of the registration document for the approved registration;3. Clarifying the quantity that triggers the obligation of the existing chemical substance phase 1 registration. For an existing chemical substance manufactured or imported in the annual volume of 100 kilograms or more, the phase 1 registration must be made within 6 months. Also a voluntary phase 1 registration may be made for the existing chemical substance manufactured or imported in an annual volume of less than 100 kilograms;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Clarifying the period of confidentiality of information on chemical substances included in the inventory of existing chemical substances, and ensuring consistency in the period of the information confidentiality and the validity of registration approval; 5. Requiring an annual report on new and existing chemical substances registered and approved; 6. Indicating the calculation of the review period, that the review period is calculated anew upon the registrant's supplementation or correction to the registration application; 7. Extending the limit on the time period and the number of times that supplementations and corrections may be made for a registration application, by the EPA taking into account the scientific and technical feasibility; 8. Accepting written appeals with stated reasons for which the registrant may have concerns over the review results; 9. Deleting outdated provisions.
7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of this amendment is to align with global trends in chemical substance registration, to meet the essential needs of inter-agency cooperation, to reasonably reduce the costs incurred for chemical risk assessment and governmental administration, as well as to achieve the goal of environmental and human health protection.</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents: Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act (TCSCA).</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>TPKM-WTO/TBT Enquiry Point Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic Affairs No.4, Sec 1, Jinan Rd. Zongzheng Dist, Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel: (+886 2) 2343-1813 Fax: (+886 2) 2343-1804 E-mail: tbteng@bsmi.gov.tw</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_4382_00_e.pdf</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/TPKM/17_4382_00_x.pdf</p>