NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU  **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) 2311-7722#2642  Fax: (886-2) 2331-7741  E-mail: [weichih.yen@epa.gov.tw](mailto:weichih.yen@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 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Asbestos-containing products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft of Restrictions on the Importing of Asbestos-Containing Products; (2 page(s), in English and Chinese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) announced asbestos as a Class 2 toxic chemical substance on 1 May 1989. Relevant regulations for handling of asbestos have been amended several times, and the use of asbestos has gradually been restricted. The use of asbestos (such as domestic manufacture of asbestos-containing products) is currently prohibited except for research, experimentation, and educational purposes.  As for the control of asbestos-containing products, numerous alternatives to asbestos-containing products are already available. Therefore, to align with the international trend, the EPA is further restricting the import of asbestos-containing products to achieve the goal of maintaining environmental safety. Restrictions on the importing of asbestos-containing products will take effect from the date of the announcement. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Waste Disposal Act, CNS 15546 |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** The same date of adoption |
| **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) 23431916  Fax: +(886 2) 2343 1804  Email: [tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw](mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TPKM/22_3192_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TPKM/22_3192_00_e.pdf> |