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:**  Agriculture and Food Agency  Council of Agriculture  8, Kuang-Hua Road, Chung-Hsing New Village  Nantou 54044, Taiwan  TEL: (886-49) 2332-380 ext 2429  FAX: (886-49) 234-1092  E-mail: [hsiuhui@mail.afa.gov.tw](mailto:hsiuhui@mail.afa.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 [ ], 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):** Organic agricultural products |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Regulations Governing the Approval and Management of Accreditation Bodies for Organic Agricultural Products (11 page(s), in Chinese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Organic Agriculture Promotion Act was promulgated on 30 May 2018 and will enter into effect on 30 May 2019. In accordance with Paragraph 5 of Article 11 of the Act, the "Regulations Governing the Approval and Management of Accreditation Bodies for Organic Agricultural Products" was drafted to stipulate provisions for the approval and supervision of accreditation bodies, information to be listed in the approval document, etc. The proposed text took into account current experiences of implementing production and certification of organic agricultural products as well as practices adopted in developed countries. The draft contains 19 Articles, which are summarized as follows:   1. Description of Terms. (Article 2) 2. Qualification of accreditation bodies, application procedures for approval and documents to be submitted. (Articles 3 and 4) 3. Information to be listed in the approval document, procedures for making changes to and extending the validity period of the approval document, as well as the obligations for reporting changes made to internal documents submitted along with the approval application. (Articles 5 to 7) 4. Information to be listed in the accreditation certificates, the validity period of accreditation certificates and management/supervision of accredited certification bodies. (Articles 8 to 11) 5. Requirements for adding or reducing accreditation scope and withdrawal of accreditation status for accredited certification bodies. (Articles 12 to 14) 6. Retention period of documents relating to accreditation activities (Article 15). 7. Submission of annual reports by accreditation bodies, disclosure of accreditation activities and management/supervision of accreditation bodies as well as accredited certification bodies. (Articles 16-18) 8. Date of entry into force: 30 March 2019. (Article 19) |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Organic Agriculture Promotion Act |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 30 May 2019 |
| **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) 2343-1813 Fax: +(886 2) 2343-1804 E-mail: [tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw](mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/TPKM/19_1133_00_x.pdf> |