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  83, Zhoughua Road, Section 1  Taipei City 100, Taiwan  Tel.: (886-2) 2311-7722  Fax: (886-2) 2331-7741  E-mail: [pishin.teng@epa.gov.tw](mailto:pishin.teng@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):** A. Cosmetics used for washing hair, cosmetics used for bathing, cosmetics used for face-washing, and soap as defined in relevant provisions of the Cosmetic Hygiene and Safety Act. B. Facial scrub, and C. Toothpaste. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Amendment to Restrictions on the Manufacture, Import, and Sale of Personal Care and Cosmetics Products Containing Plastic Microbeads (Draft) (5 page(s), in English; 4 page(s), in Chinese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** With a view to protecting marine environment from plastic microbeads influence, the Environmental Protection Administration intends to propose amendments to the restrictions on the manufacture, import and sale of personal care and cosmetics products containing particles by extending the scope to cover personal care and cosmetic products containing non-natural polymers, such as solid synthetic waxes. The proposed amendments was drawn up by referring to Sweden's restrictive regulations on plastic microbeads in personal care and cosmetics products. Two transition periods will be provided for the businesses to comply with the new requirements. For manufacturers and importers, the requirements will be effective on 1 September 2019; for vendors, the requirements will be effective on 1 March 2020. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Waste Disposal Act * Cosmetic Hygiene and Safety Act * CNS 15492 * G/TBT/N/TPKM/249 * G/TBT/N/TPKM/249/Add.1 * G/TBT/N/TPKM/249/Add.2 |
| **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  4, Jinan Road, Section 1  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_2475_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/TPKM/19_2475_00_x.pdf> |