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 AdministrationNo. 83, Sec. 1, Zhoughua Rd. Taipei City 100, TaiwanTel.: (886-2) 2311-7722Fax: (886-2) 2331-7741E-mail: lichiung.chang@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. Switches and relays, except very high accuracy capacitance and loss measuring bridges and high-frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per bridge, switch or relay. B. High-pressure mercury lamps for general lighting. C. The following non-electronic measuring instruments, not including those installed in large equipment or used for high-precision measuring: (A) Barometers. (B) Hygrometers. (C) Manometers. (D) Thermometers. (E) Sphygmomanometers. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** General explanation for the draft of restrictions on the importing of mercury-added products (4 page(s), in English; 2 page(s), in Chinese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Environmental Protection Adminstration previously announced the enactment of the "Restrictions on the Imports and Sales of Mercury Thermometers" on March 26, 2008. In addition, on July 5, 2019, it announced the amendments to the "Listed Toxic Chemical Substances and the Handling Control Measures" to ban the use of mercury in the manufacture of switches, relays, high-pressure mercury lamps for general lighting, and non-electronic measuring instruments from January 1, 2021. It is the timetable for the announced ban on the manufacture of the aforementioned mercury-added products. As for imports, further control is required. In view of the harm of mercury to the environment and human health, with the development of electronic equipment and consumer electronics, the demand for the use of mercury-added products has been decreasing. Therefore, to be in line with the "Minamata Convention on Mercury", it is announced that from January 1, 2021, the imports of mercury-added switches, relays, high-pressure mercury lamps for general lighting, and non-electronic measuring instruments (barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers, sphygmomanometers, etc.) are prohibited to strengthen domestic mercury control and achieve the goal of maintaining enviromental safety.  |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Minamata Convention on Mercury; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Waste Disposal Act, Minamata Convention on Mercury, Pharmaceutical Affairs Act, Regulations for Governing the Management of Medical Device, and CNS 15663. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2021 |
| **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 PointBureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection Ministry of Economic AffairsNo. 4, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd.Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100, TaiwanTel.: (886-2) 3343-5140Fax: (886-2) 2343-1804E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/TPKM/20_1290_00_x.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/TPKM/20_1290_00_e.pdf> |