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:**  Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau  Environmental Protection Administration No.1, Aly. 35, Ln. 132, Sec. 2, Da'an Rd. Da'an Dist., Taipei City 10667, Taiwan Tel: +886-2-2325-7399 ext.55329 Fax: +886-2-2325-3823 Email: [poyen.hsieh@epa.gov.tw](mailto:poyen.hsieh@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; INORGANIC CHEMICALS; ORGANIC OR INORGANIC COMPOUNDS OF PRECIOUS METALS, OF RARE-EARTH METALS, OF RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS OR OF ISOTOPES (HS 28); ORGANIC CHEMICALS (HS 29); MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (HS 38); PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF (HS 39); CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY (ICS 71) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Amendments to Regulations for New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration (22 page(s), in English; 58 page(s), in Chinese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Regulations of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) were promulgated on 11 December 2014 and amended on 11 March 2019.  After reviewing the practice of annual reporting and standard registration of existing chemical substances through collecting stakeholders' opinions, the draft amendments to the Regulations is introduced under the consideration of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act amended on 16 January 2019. The highlights of the amendments are as follows:   1. The name and the provisions of the Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act, with which the Regulations are established in accordance, is amended. 2. The controlled chemicals, as prescribed in the Occupational Safety and Health Act, as well as the concerned chemical substances, as defined by the Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act, are not applicable to the Regulations. 3. To reduce the highly overlapping contents of appendixes, the appendixes of the Regulations are combined and amended accordingly. 4. The valid and confidential periods of the registration approval are unified as 5 years. Furthermore, for a new chemical substance that has been included in the inventory of existing chemical substances, the maximum confidential period is 15 years. 5. The deadline for standard registration of existing chemical substances is extended to 4 years. In addition, the on-site isolated intermediates of existing chemical substances are exempted from standard registration. 6. Completion numbers for the standard registration of existing chemical substances are issued to those who apply and complete information items regarding registrants and substances. The registrants shall complete the remaining information items proactively or before the appointed due date. 7. The articles governing the notification of report supplementation and correction are also specified. 8. The review periods and the number of extensions of review periods for applications are also amended. 9. The article stating that registrants must retain all application documents for future reference is deleted. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The purpose of the amendments is to reflect the practice of chemical substances registration mechanisms and the stakeholders' opinions. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act (TCCSCA) |
| **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 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) 3343-5140  Fax: +(886 2) 2343-1804  E-mail: [tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw](mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/TPKM/21_3685_00_x.pdf> <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/TPKM/21_3685_00_et.pdf> |