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:**  Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) No.4, Sec. 1, Jinan Rd. Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City 100, Taiwan Tel: (886-2) 2343-4538 Fax: (886-2) 3343-3991 E-mail: [yuyu.lin@bsmi.gov.tw](mailto:yuyu.lin@bsmi.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):** Headphones (CCCN 8518.30.10.00.1&8518.30.20.00.9&8518.30.32.00.5&8518.30.39.00.8); Headphones and earphones, whether or not combined with microphone, and sets consisting of a microphone and one or more loudspeakers (excl. telephone sets, hearing aids and helmets with built-in headphones, whether or not incorporating a microphone) (HS 851830) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Proposal for Legal Requirements for Headphones (3 page(s), in English; 4 page(s), in Chinese) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Nowadays, headphones are widely used. The excessive use of smartphones and audio devices with headphones may cause hearing loss of consumers. In order to enhance consumer protection, the BSMI intends to regulate the inspection requirements for headphones. Two alternative conformity assessment procedures, are made available for the choice of applicants, i.e. Registration of Product Certification (RPC) or Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI). |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:**  Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  The Commodity Inspection Act;  CNS 15936: 2016;  CNS 15598-1: 2020;  CNS 15663: 2013 Section 5 "Marking of Presence"; |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2024 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **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://gazette.nat.gov.tw/egFront/detail.do?metaid=127837&log=detailLog>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/TPKM/21_6981_00_e.pdf> <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/TPKM/21_6981_00_x.pdf> |