

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health (DOH), Executive Yuan   |
| <b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Prepackaged foods  |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners<br><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:  |
| <b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Regulations Governing the Label of Country of Origin for Prepackaged Foods <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 2<br><a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/TPKM/12_3369_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/TPKM/12_3369_00_e.pdf</a><br><a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/TPKM/12_3369_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/TPKM/12_3369_00_x.pdf</a> |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> Prepackaged foods shall conspicuously indicate country of origin or letters with the same meaning in Chinese, except when the company labelled in Chinese is expressly represented as the manufacturer and its address is sufficient to show the country of origin. Prepackaged foods containing beef and cattle edible offals shall also indicate the country of origin of the beef and cattle edible offals or letters with the same meaning.                      |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.   |
| <b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Under the premise of food safety, to provide consumers with clearly identified information, require the manufacturers to label country of origin of beef and cattle edible offals or letters with the same meaning. Some consumers, who wish to select veterinary drug-free beef or cattle edible offals, could use the information in the food label to identify items of their choice.                                       |

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| <p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b><br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p> |
| <p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> "Regulations Governing the Label of Country of Origin for Prepackaged Foods" (DOH Food No. 1011301974, 15 August 2012) is available in English from the National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point, and Department of Health. The standard will be published in the Official Government Gazette when adopted. The full text may be downloaded from the following website: <a href="http://www.fda.gov.tw/eng/index.aspx">http://www.fda.gov.tw/eng/index.aspx</a> and <a href="http://www.doh.gov.tw/EN2006/index_EN.aspx">http://www.doh.gov.tw/EN2006/index_EN.aspx</a></p>   |
| <p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b><br/>Mid-September 2012</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>  |
| <p><b>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Food and Drug Administration<br/> Department of Health<br/> No.161-2, Kuyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan<br/> Tel: +(886 2) 27878000 ext. 7343<br/> Fax: +(886 2) 26531062<br/> E-mail: xenia26@fda.gov.tw</p>   |
| <p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Food and Drug Administration<br/> Department of Health<br/> No.161-2, Kuyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan<br/> Tel: +(886 2) 2787-8000 ext. 7343<br/> Fax: +(886 2) 26531062<br/> E-mail: xenia26@fda.gov.tw</p>   |