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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health (DOH), Executive Yuan
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): Bulk foods
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Regulations Governing the Labeling of Bulk Foods Language(s): English Number of pages: 2 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/TPKM/12_3370_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/TPKM/12_3370_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: (1) Food retailers with company registration or business registration: (a) Bulk foods such as materials other than beef or edible cattle offals must be labelled with the product name and the country of origin or letters with the same meaning. (b) Bulk foods such as materials containing beef or edible cattle offals must be labelled with the product name, the country of origin and the country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offals or letters with the same meaning; if the contents include a single item of raw beef or edible cattle offals, it is permitted to label just one option i.e. either country of origin of the food or country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offals; in case of foods for baking (roasting) and ready-to-eat foods on-site, the food need only be labelled with the country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offals. (2) Food retailers without company registration or business registration: Bulk foods such as materials containing beef or edible cattle offals must be labelled with the country of origin of the beef or edible cattle offals or letters with the same meaning.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.

<p>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Under the premise of food safety, to provide consumers with clearly identified information, require the retailers 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.</p>
<p>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</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>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: "Draft Regulations Governing the Labelling of Bulk Foods" (DOH Food No. 1011301978, 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: http://www.fda.gov.tw/eng/index.aspx and http://www.doh.gov.tw/EN2006/index_EN.aspx</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): Mid-September 2012</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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 Department of Health No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Tel: +(886 2) 2787 8000 ext. 7343 Fax: +(886 2) 2653 1062 E-mail: xenia26@fda.gov.tw</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <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 Department of Health No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Tel: +(886 2) 2787 8000 ext. 7343 Fax: +(886 2) 2653 1062 E-mail: xenia26@fda.gov.tw</p>