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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 1.4(A)¹ AND /OR 8.2(B)² OF THE AGREEMENT

THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

The following notification, dated 20 September 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

1.	Notification under Article 1.4(a) [X]; Article 8.2(b) [X] (If the notification is made under both Articles please mark both with an X)
2.	Source(s) where the Import Licensing Procedure(s) has(ve) been published (Official Gazette, publication, website, etc.): The website of the Bureau of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs: http://www.trade.gov.tw .
3.	Date of publication¹: See dates of promulgations/amendments in "List of TPKM's WTO-ILP Questionnaires and Respective Governing Regulations in 2017". (http://www.trade.gov.tw/english/Pages/Detail.aspx?nodeID=101&pid=358904) Effective date of requirement: Same as date of publication.
4.	Copy(ies) of publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a))³ and/or legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))⁴ is(are) available for consultation by Members: <input type="checkbox"/> at the WTO Secretariat (Market Access Division) (In this case please attach copies of the publication and or legislation, if possible in electronic format: Microsoft Word or compatible software) and/or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by request at the following address and fax numbers, and/or e-mail and website: (http://www.trade.gov.tw/english/Pages/Detail.aspx?nodeID=101&pid=358904)
5.	In the case that they are not in one of the three WTO official languages, (English, French or Spanish) a SUMMARY of the publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a)) and/or the legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))⁴: -

6. Other pertinent data or information (i.e. title of the proposed or adopted law/regulation establishing the Import Licensing Procedure):

- (1) Optical Disk Act: Article 15 and Article 17 (2016/11/30 Amended) relevant content regarding the penalties for violating Article 4 and 10 has been amended.
- (2) Fisheries Act: Article 7-1, 49, 61, 68, and 71 (2016/07/20 Amended) : relevant content regarding the conditions of issuing the fishing licenses, inspection of the fishing vessel, the penalties for violating Article 44, and the confiscation for violating Article 64 and 65 has been amended.
- (3) Enforcement Rules of the Fisheries Act: Article 28 and Article 30 (2015/10/05 Amended) : relevant content regarding the application for the operation of directed fishery and the information on the fishing license has been amended.
- (4) The Regulation for Fishing Vessel Building Permit and Fishery License Issue: Article 3, 10, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25-1, and 32 (2017/01/05 Amended) : relevant content regarding the definition of terms, the application for the fishery operator to change of fishery type, the replacement qualification, the application for the replacement qualification, the registration as part-time fishery, the restriction on the fishery type of fishing vessels less than 5 gross tonnage, the registration as gillnet fishery, the rules for the sampans and fishing rafts has been amended.

¹ "[...] Publication shall take place, whenever practicable, 21 days prior to the effective date of the requirement but in all events not later than such effective date. Any exception, derogations or changes in or from the rules concerning licensing procedures or the list of products subject to import licensing shall also be published in the same manner and within the same time periods as specified above." See Art. 1.4(a) of the Agreement.

² "Each Member shall inform the Committee of any changes in its laws and regulations relevant to this Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations."

³ "The rules and all information concerning procedures for the submission of applications, including the eligibility of persons, firms and institutions to make such applications, the administrative body(ies) to be approached, and the lists of products subject to the licensing requirement shall be published, in the sources notified to the Committee on Import Licensing [...] Copies of these publications shall also be made available to the Secretariat." See Art. 1.4(a) of the Agreement and document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".

⁴ See document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".