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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Resource Circulation Administration, Ministry of Environment 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: Please submit comments to: WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Mobile Phone
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Regulations Governing Labelling for Recycling Categories and Other Matters of Compliance for Mobile Phone Manufacturers and Importers; (7 page(s), in Chinese), (11 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Because of Mobile phones' small size, high price, and the large amount of personal information stored within, consumers often keep them at home after replacing them or fail to recycle them due to concerns about personal data leakage. Considering that mobile phones contain over seventy types of elements, including precious and rare metals, establishing proper recycling channels for them will facilitate the recycling and reuse of scarce resources. The <i>Resource Recycling Act</i> aims to promote the sustainable use of resources by effectively directing discarded resources into reuse and recycling channels, thus achieving the goal of transition towards a circular economy. When consumers replace mobile phones, they will have circulation services available to them provided by mobile phone enterprises, which should increase reuse of the devices. When mobile phones are no longer usable, their constituents can be recycled and used as raw materials for manufacturing. Under the authorization of Article 11, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs 3 and 4, and Paragraph 2 of the <i>Resource Recycling Act</i> , the Draft Regulations Governing Labelling for Recycling Categories and Other Matters of Compliance for Mobile Phone Manufacturers and Importers (referred to hereinafter as the Regulations) have been formulated. They require mobile phone manufacturers and importers to label mobile phones indicating recycling categories and methods as well as to cooperate with efforts to recycle waste mobile phones, thus facilitating recycling and reuse of renewable resources. Key points of the Regulations are as follows: 1. Definitions (Item I of the draft regulations)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Scope of applicable enterprises (Item II of the draft regulations) 3. Matters of compliance for mobile phone manufacturers and importers (Item III of the draft regulations) 4. Regulations on mandatory labeling with recycling category symbols for mobile phone manufacturers and importers (Item IV of the draft regulations) 5. Regulations on waste mobile phone recycling methods for mobile phone manufacturers and importers (Item V of the draft regulations) 6. Recycling and circulation targets for mobile phone manufacturers and importers, required information, schedule, and recipients of the submitted proposals of these targets, and improvement measures if targets are not met. Mobile phone manufacturers and importers may form an organization to assist in recycling tasks and submission of relevant information. (Item VI of the draft regulations) 7. Regulations on Reporting Execution Outcomes, Improvement Measures, and Corrected Information by Mobile Phone Manufacturers, Importers, or Joint Recycling Organizations (Item VII of the draft regulations) 8. Requirements concerning mobile phone retailers on compliance with recycling methods used by manufacturers and importers (Item VIII of the draft regulations) 9. Penalties for violations of the regulations (Item IX of the draft regulations)
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents: Resource Recycling Act</p>
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>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) 23431916 Fax: +(886-2) 23431804 Email: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/TPKM/24_05182_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/TPKM/24_05182_00_x.pdf</p>