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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:** THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:**
4.	**Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Wooden furniture for kitchens (excl. seats) (HS code(s): 940340); Wooden furniture for bedrooms (excl. seats) (HS code(s): 940350); Wooden furniture (excl. for offices, kitchens and bedrooms, and seats) (HS code(s): 940360)
5.	**Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):** Proposal for Legal Inspection Requirements for Wooden Knock-Down Furniture; (2 page(s), in English), (2 page(s), in Chinese) **Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:** https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/TPKM/26_05230_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/TPKM/26_05230_00_x.pdf WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw
6.	**Description of content:** In response to concerns regarding the quality of wooden knock-down furniture and the risks associated with excessive formaldehyde emissions, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to require that wooden knock-down furniture be subject to mandatory inspection before being placed on the market. Applicants may choose either of the following two conformity assessment procedures: 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 consumers safety
8.	**Relevant documents:** *Government Gazette*, Vol. 032, No. 183, dated 2 October 2026 https://gazette.nat.gov.tw/egFront/e_detail.do?metaid=168674 The Commodity Inspection Act

9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2028
10.	**Provision of comments** **Final date for comments:** 5 December 2026 **[X] 60 days from notification** **Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:** 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) 23431700#1565 Fax: +(886-2) 23431804 Email: tbteng@bsmi.gov.tw