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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Environment
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> (I) Switches and relays. (II) High-pressure mercury lamps for general lighting. (III) Self-ballasted fluorescent lamps of 30 watts or lower for general lighting. (IV) Cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps for electronic displays. (V) Strain gauges used in plethysmographs. (VI) Mercury vacuum pumps. (VII) Tire balancers and wheel balance weights. (VIII) Photographic film and photographic paper. (IX) Propellant for satellites, spacecraft, or space vehicles. (X) Electrical and electronic measuring instruments, such as melt pressure transducers, transmitters, and sensors. (XI) Non-electronic measuring instruments, such as barometers, hygrometers, pressure gauges, thermometers (including body thermometers), and sphygmomanometers. (XII) Compact fluorescent lamps for general lighting. (XIII) Linear and nonlinear fluorescent lamps for general lighting that use halophosphate phosphors. (XIV) Linear and non-linear fluorescent lamps for general lighting that use triband phosphors.
<b>5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):</b> Draft Amendment to the "Restrictions on the Importing of Mercury-Added Products"; (5 page(s), in English), (4 page(s), in Chinese) <b>Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/TPKM/26_01585_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/TPKM/26_01585_00_x.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/TPKM/26_01585_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/TPKM/26_01585_00_e.pdf</a> WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <a href="mailto:tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw">tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The "Restrictions on the Importing of Mercury-Added Products" (hereinafter referred to as the "Announcement") have not been amended since they took effect on August 25, 2020. In addition to the mercury-added products that are already prohibited, this amendment to the Announcement prohibits the import of

	mercury-added products and electronic measuring instruments so as to strengthen domestic mercury management, and align with the United Nations Minamata Convention on Mercury.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment
8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b></p> <p><i>Government Gazette</i>, Vol. 032, No. 031, dated 13 February 2026  <a href="https://gazette.nat.gov.tw/egFront/e_detail.do?metaid=163708">https://gazette.nat.gov.tw/egFront/e_detail.do?metaid=163708</a></p> <p>Waste Disposal Act</p> <p><b>Relevant notifications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/405</a></li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined</p>
10.	<p><b>Provision of comments</b></p> <p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 19 May 2026</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>60 days from notification</b></p> <p><b>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</b></p> <p>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#1566  Fax: +(886-2) 23431804  Email: <a href="mailto:tbteng@bsmi.gov.tw">tbteng@bsmi.gov.tw</a></p>