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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: tbteng@bsmi.gov.tw
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 or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Organic chemicals (HS code(s): 29); soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing or scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes, 'dental waxes' and dental preparations with a basis of plaster (HS code(s): 34); plastics and articles thereof (HS code(s): 39); Environment. Health protection. Safety (ICS code(s): 13); Manufacturing engineering (ICS code(s): 25); Chemical technology (ICS code(s): 71)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: General Information on the Draft of the Restrictions on the Import of Detergents Containing Nonylphenol and Nonylphenol Polyethylene Glycol Ether; (2 page(s), in Chinese), (4 page(s), in English)
6.	Description of content: The Ministry of Environment announced the draft of "General Information on the Draft of the Restrictions on the Import of Detergents Containing Nonylphenol and Nonylphenol Polyethylene Glycol Ether" on December 3, 2024. Nonylphenol (NP) and nonylphenol polyethylene glycol ether (NPEO) are toxic chemical substances listed in the announced "Guidelines on Regulated Toxic Chemical Substances and the Management of Their Handling." They are not easily decomposed and have bioconcentration properties. Alongside their detrimental effects on rivers and marine ecosystems, these chemicals can negatively impact human health after being ingested through the food chain. Highlights of the Announcement are as follows: 1. Definitions of the Restrictions on the Import of Detergents Containing Nonylphenol and Nonylphenol Polyethylene Glycol Ether (Paragraph 1 of the draft announcement)

	<p>2. The Restrictions on the Import of Detergents Containing Nonylphenol and Nonylphenol Polyethylene Glycol Ether will be implemented in two phases based on concentration. (Paragraph 2 of the draft announcement)</p> <p>3. Exceptions to the exclusion of applicable provisions. (Paragraph 3 of the draft announcement)</p>
7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <p>Guidelines on Regulated Toxic Chemical Substances and the Management of Their Handling</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
11.	<p>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/2025/TBT/TPKM/25_00254_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/TPKM/25_00254_00_x.pdf</p>