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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Imported foods and related products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> The Partial Amended Provisions for the Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/TPKM/17_3631_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/TPKM/17_3631_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to partially amend provisions of the "Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products". The proposed amendments mainly involve the following points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To allow documents for the application for inspection to be provided electronically;</li><li>2. To delete Article 5 concerning pre-declaration provisions.</li><li>3. To add an alternative method of product sampling for applicants who are suspended for applying for prior release of products;</li><li>4. To add conditions for applying for prior release of products;</li><li>5. To add conditions for payment of guarantee bond;</li><li>6. To add conditions for refund of guarantee bond; and</li><li>7. To revise the time limit for applying for re-inspection when the imported products do not conform to regulations.</li></ol>
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<p><b>[X] None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><b>[ ] Yes [ ] No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 14 October 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Tel: +(886 2) 2787 8000 ext. 8374 Fax: +(886 2) 2787 8398 E-mail: ccy530@fda.gov.tw</p>
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