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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU,</u> <u>KINMEN AND MATSU</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Finance
- 3. 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): Alcohol products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [] Specific regions or countries:
- Title of the notified document: Draft amendment of the Hygiene Standards for Alcohol Products Language(s): Chinese (English translation available) Number of pages: 6

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/TPKM/16\_2943\_00\_X.pdf

- 6. Description of content: The main proposed amendments of the standards include: revising the methanol limit for grape wines to 3,000mg/liter (calculated by 100% ethyl alcohol); setting the methanol limit for sweet potato distilled spirits to 2,000mg/liter (calculated by 100% ethyl alcohol); revising residue standards for preservatives.
- Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection,
  [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
  - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
  - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
  - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 24 September 2016

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