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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: tbtenq@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): Blister packaging; plastic clamshell; plastic insert trays (non-industrial use); disposable plastic containers or boxes (The disposable plastic containers are produced through thermoforming, where plastic sheets are pressed and molded into the desired shape.)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Amendments to the Scope of the Enterprises Responsible for Placing Relevant Recycling Symbols on Goods and Containers, the Size and Placement of the Symbols, and other Requirements; (9 page(s), in Chinese), (10 page(s), in English)
6.	Description of content: The Scope of the Enterprises Responsible for Placing Relevant Recycling Symbols on Goods and Containers, the Size and Placement of the Symbols, and Other Requirements (the " Announcement ") was announced on January 9, 2004 and had gone through one round of amendments since. After the amendments to the Scope of the Goods or the Packaging and Container thereof Required to be Recycled, Disposed of, or Treated and the Enterprises Responsible for the Recycling, Disposal and Treatment were announced on May 19, 2023, plastic liners and blisters have been designated as the regulated recyclable waste; in addition, plastic liners and blisters, together with film containers, are now referred to as film packaging materials. In response to such amendments, to align with international regulations on the mandatory use of recycling symbols for plastic packaging materials, and to enable the general public and recycling enterprises to properly identify and recycle plastic film packaging materials, the Announcement is hereby amended to adjust the scope of the enterprises responsible for placing relevant recycling symbols on plastic film packaging materials, and the timing and methods for placing such symbols.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:
Scope of the Goods or the Packaging and Container thereof Required to be Recycled, Disposed of, or Treated and the Enterprises Responsible for the Recycling, Disposal and Treatment
9. Proposed date of adoption: 28 February 2025 Proposed date of entry into force: 28 February 2027
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: 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 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/TPKM/24_08120_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/TPKM/24_08120_00_x.pdf