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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

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:

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- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 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): Information and communication technology (ICT) products, electrical and electronic equipment, batteries, textiles, vehicles, tires, packaging, and containers.
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Amendments to the Resource Recycling Act; (61 page(s), in English), (34 page(s), in Chinese)
- **6. Description of content:** The Resource Recycling Act (hereinafter referred to as "this Act") was enacted and promulgated on July 3, 2002, and came into effect one year after promulgation. It was subsequently amended and enforced on January 21, 2009.

In view of the severe challenges posed by the current global resource crisis and climate change, the international community generally regards "resource circulation" as a key approach to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and fulfilling net-zero emission commitments.

In order to align with international standards and address the needs of sustainable development, the Ministry of Environment considers it necessary to establish an enabling environment for the promotion of resource circulation and to strengthen the relevant legal framework. The policy objective is to shift from the current focus on end-of-pipe waste recycling and treatment toward full life-cycle resource circulation, thereby achieving "maximization of resource circulation benefits and minimization of final waste disposal." The specific directions of this amendment include: formulating a national integrated resource circulation plan; establishing a Resource Circulation Promotion Council; setting forth green design guidelines; promoting the use of recycled materials (including recycled aggregates) in products and construction; implementing source reduction measures and restrictions or bans on certain materials; extending product lifespans; introducing digital product tracking; prioritizing green procurement by public agencies; providing incentives and subsidies; designating land for resource circulation purposes; promoting circular

financing and investment mechanisms; and establishing a resource circulation experimental sandbox. Accordingly, this draft amendment to the Act has been prepared, and the title of the Act is proposed to be revised as the "Resource Circulation Promotion Act."

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

Resource Recycling Act

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

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:

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