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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

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| 1. | Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) Ministry of Economic Affairs |
| 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 codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Electro-mechanical tools for working in the hand, with self-contained electric motor (excl. saws and drills) (HS code(s): 846729) Saws for working in the hand, with self-contained electric motor (HS code(s): 846722) Drills of all kinds for working in the hand, with self-contained electric motor (HS code(s): 846721) |
| 5. | Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Proposal for Legal Inspection Requirements for Hand-held Electric tools; (8 page(s), in English), (8 page(s), in Chinese) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/TPKM/25_06075_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/TPKM/25_06075_00_x.pdf WTO TBT Enquiry Point, E-mail: tbtenq@bsmi.gov.tw |
| 6. | Description of content: In view of the growing prevalence of rechargeable hand-held tools and their increasing use by consumers, concerns have arisen regarding product safety due to the potential risks posed by substandard lithium batteries. Furthermore, updated safety and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) standards for hand-held electric tools have been officially promulgated. To ensure the electrical and lithium battery safety of these products and to safeguard consumer use, it is proposed that rechargeable hand-held electric tools be included within the scope of mandatory inspection, along with an update to the applicable inspection standards. The Conformity Assessment Procedures will remain unchanged. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety |

8. Relevant documents:

Government Gazette, Vol. 031, No. 172, dated 10 September 2025.

https://gazette.nat.gov.tw/egFront//e_detail.do?metaid=160008

The Commodity Inspection Act

Relevant notifications:

- [G/TBT/N/TPKM/258](#)

9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2028

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 15 November 2025

[X] 60 days from notification

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

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