

Negotiating Group on Market Access

NON -TARIFF BARRIER NOTIFICATIONS

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Submitting Member	Maintaining Participants	Products affected by the barrier	Nature of the barrier	Trade effects of the barrier	Inventory category		Relevant WTO provisions	Treatment of the barrier
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu		Chemicals (across all items in chemicals category HS Ch 28~38).	Specific programmes proposed for chemicals. This would place burden on the chemical trade.	Adds testing costs to a wide range of chemical products.	Part III	C	TBT Agreement (Art. 2)	(d)
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu		All products.	Sets minimum import prices by means of domestic administrative orders. If the declared price is lower than the minimum import price, the importer is required to renew its application or provide certification of goods. Regarding aspects of the customs valuation regime, some members adopt practices based on a reference price mechanism, which appears not to be in conformance with the requirements of the Customs Valuation Agreement. These reference prices are not established in a transparent manner, are often changed without prior notice, and no opportunity is provided for others to raise comments on the established rates.	Violates the principles of a free market economy and causes trade distortion.	Part II	B	Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994 (Art. 1).	(d)
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu*		Food (across all items in food category HS Ch 16~24). Certain products (such as electric wires, switches and so on)	Onerous quarantine requirements, delayed customs clearance, lack of transparency in administrative procedures. Onerous mandatory inspection requirements.	Increases costs and is time-consuming.	Part II Part III	G B	Article VIII of the GATT 1994, TBT Agreement SPS Agreement	(d)

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Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu*		Steel (HS Ch.72). All Products	Customs valuation shall be notarized by specific company. Notarized reports for testing and certification of goods are required and are to be paid for by the applicants. Customs valuation must be notarized by a specific company	Increases costs, delays customs clearance and is time-consuming.	Part II	B	Article VII of GATT 1994 TBT Agreement (Art.2).	
Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu*		Electronic (Information) (HS Ch 85, 90). All products	Requires a minimum volume of imports for customs valuation. Additional consular documentation required.	Does not allow for small import volumes. Increases cost.	Part II Part II	B D	Articles VIII and XI of the GATT 1994	(b)