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Disposable sanitary products such as paper nappies, etc that are currently imported are occasionally found to be of poor quality and not to meet hygiene standards, causing great potential for harm to the health of consumers.

To guarantee the quality of imported disposable sanitary products such as paper nappies, etc, and to protect the health of our citizens and quality standards according to the related regulations of Business Inspection Law and Customs Law, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), the General Administration of Customs and the Ministry of Commerce have decided to include imported disposable sanitary products such as paper nappies, etc in the "Catalogue of Import and Export Commodities Subject to Mandatory Inspection and Quarantine by Import and Export Inspection and Quarantine Bodies" (hereinafter the "Catalogue of Commodities Subject to Mandatory Inspection and Quarantine"). The contents of this announcement are as follows:

1. From 1 January 2006, the commodities, which include toilet paper, tissue paper, paper handkerchiefs, napkins, paper napkins, paper nappies, paper clothing and paper bed sheets (all included within six 8-digit HS codes, please see annex) shall be included in the "Catalogue of Commodities Subject to Mandatory Inspection and Quarantine". The mandatory inspection and quarantine shall be performed on the entry of these commodities.

2. From 1 January 2006, mandatory inspection, quarantine and supervision shall be performed by Import and Export Inspection and Quarantine Bodies on the entry of the abovementioned commodities. Customs shall only carry out import release procedures when the "Customs Release Sheet for Imported Goods" is

produced, issued by Import and Export Inspection and Quarantine Bodies.

3. The safety, hygiene index and appearance, packaging, etc of the abovementioned imported commodities must meet the requirements of the “Disposable Sanitary Products Hygiene Standard”. Any products found not to meet the national standard in the inspection shall not be imported, sold or used.

Annex: Newly Included Commodities Subject to Mandatory Inspection and Quarantine as of 1 January 2006.

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Annex:

**Newly Included Commodities Subject to  
Mandatory Inspection and Quarantine as of 1 January 2006**

HS Code	Names of Commodities	Unit	Customs Supervisory Conditions
48030000	Toilet roll, tissue paper, napkins, family- and sanitary-use paper, cellulose wadding paper and cellulose fibre netted paper, whether pressed with lines or patterns, punched, dyed, decorated and printed with patterns, in rolls or in sheets.	gram	A
48182000	Paper handkerchiefs and tissue paper.	gram	A
48183000	Paper tablecloths and napkins.	gram	A
48184000	Sanitary towels, tampons, paper nappies for babies, nappy linings and similar sanitary products.	gram	A
48185000	Clothing and clothing products made of pulp, paper, cellulose wadding paper and cellulose fibre netted paper.	gram	A
48189000	Bed sheets and other family, sanitary and hospital products made of pulp, paper, cellulose wadding paper and cellulose fibre netted paper.	gram	A