

Amendments to the legal inspection requirements for valves for liquefied petroleum gas cylinders

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Background:

In order to enhance protection of consumers from hazards arising from unsafe valves for liquefied petroleum gas cylinders, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) intends to amend the inspection scheme of valves for liquefied petroleum gas cylinder, and update the inspection standard. The conformity assessment procedure for the product will be Registration of Product Certification (Module II + Module VII).

Date of implementation:

1 Jan 2023

Products (HS/CCCN codes) covered and their applicable inspection standards:

Updated				Superseded			
Description of Goods	Conformity Assessment Procedures	Inspection Standards	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)	Description of Goods	Conformity Assessment Procedures	Inspection Standards	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
Valves for liquefied petroleum gas cylinder	RPC Scheme (Modules II+VII)	CNS 1324 : 2022	8481.40.00.00.4A 8481.80.90.00.6U	Valves for liquefied petroleum gas cylinder	RPC Scheme (Modules II+III) or Type-Approved Batch Inspection Scheme	CNS 1324 : 2010	8481.40.00.00.4A 8481.80.90.00.6U

Remarks:

The inspection standard CNS 1324 can be accessible at CNS online service website: www.cnsonline.com.tw. The content of the standard can be previewed for free. To download or print the above mentioned standard, please contact the Information Center of the BSMI.

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The conformity assessment procedures for the inspection scheme are as follows:

Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme (Modules II + VII)

Under the II+ VII combination of modules used in this scheme, domestic manufacturers or importers must have their products type-tested in advance (Module II) by the BSMI-designated testing laboratories before applying for registration of their products. Manufacturers or importers are also required to ensure by factory inspection (Module VII) that all products made at their manufacturing facilities or imported are in conformity with the prototypes submitted for type-test at Module II stage. For Module VII, a factory inspection report issued by the BSMI-recognized factory inspection bodies is needed.

After being certified and registered by the BSMI, products will be allowed to use the Commodity Inspection Mark with the letter 'R' and the identification number given by the BSMI. These products can clear customs directly without any further inspection if not being sampled by RPC border check procedures. The application fee and annual fee for RPC are both NT\$5,000 for each certification, and a RPC certificate is valid for 3 years. If there are any serial products, an extra NT\$3,000 of application fee will be charged for every application in each certification. The fees for type testing vary by products and depend on the fee policies of the testing laboratories.

*Further information on the scheme can also be found on the BSMI website at <http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=8673&ctNode=811&mp=2>

Locations to apply for Registration of Product Certification:

The BSMI or its branches

Locations to apply for Type Testing:

The BSMI-designated testing laboratories

Locations to apply for factory inspection :

The BSMI- recognized factory inspection bodies

Time required for Registration of Product Certification:

14 working days. (This period does not include the time for corrective actions by the applicant due to deficiencies in the documents or samples. Extra 14 working days may be required for additional tests.)

Related requirements for the inspection procedures:

1. Both imported and domestically manufactured products subject to this amendment shall conform to the inspection requirements when it enters into force.
2. The BSMI accepts applications for Registration of Product Certification on the date this amendment is published. After the applications are reviewed and approved by the BSMI, the Product Registration Certificate(s) will be issued and valid for 3 years starting from the issue date.
3. "C02" is the import regulation code of the products subjected to this amendment.
4. Certification fees of the listed product will be collected based on the "Regulations Governing Fees for Commodity Inspection."
5. Type-test fees and factory inspection fees of the product will be collected by the testing facilities and the factory inspection bodies in accordance with their respective rates.
6. The revised inspection standard CNS 1324 (published on 9 May 2022) shall apply beginning on the date of announcement. The current inspection standard will be valid till 31 December 2022.
7. Certificates of Registration of Product Certification:
 - (1) New application:

From the date of publication, for applications with type-test reports and technical documents in compliance with the revised inspection standard, the validity period of the certificate will be 3 years from the date of issuance.

- (2) Replacement or extension:

Certificate holders may apply for extension of the certificate before 1 January 2023 in accordance with the

current version of inspection standard, and the extended certificate will expire on 1 January 2023.

Certificate holders shall apply to the BSMI or its branches for a replacement of the certificate(s) before 1 January 2023 by providing type-test reports and technical documents in compliance with the revised inspection standard. Otherwise, certificate(s) will be rescinded. The expiry date of the replaced certificate(s) will remain the same as the original certificate.

8. The inspection standard of the product listed in the table shall be the version published in this announcement. If any updated version is available, the BSMI shall publish the implementation date of the updated version in further announcement.
9. The C.C.C. Codes listed in the table are used for reference only. Completion of inspection procedures is required for products listed in the table even though their C.C.C. Codes are identified differently by the Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance or Bureau of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs.