

Proposal for Amendments to the Legal Inspection Requirements for Wooden Board Commodities

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Background:

The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) plans to refine the management of wooden board commodities to enhance product performance, protect consumers, and maintain consistency in requirements. The proposed measures are summarized below:

1. The BSMI will adopt the 2024 versions of inspection standards for laminated veneer lumber, structural laminated veneer lumber, glulam for decorative use, overlaid glulam for decorative use, overlaid glulam posts for structural use, medium density fiberboard, particleboard, various types of plywood, and fire-retardant plywood as detailed in the table.
2. The inspection scope for plywood products will be extended to include fire-retardant plywood, currently regulated under fire-retardant construction materials. The inspection standard will be updated to its 2024 version and Type Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) will replace Monitoring Inspection to expedite customs clearance. Alternatively, business operators may use the Registration of Product Certification procedure (Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII) based on their needs.

Proposed date of implementation: 1 April 2026

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

Description of Goods	Inspection Standards*		Conformity Assessment Procedures	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
	Updated	Superseded		
Laminated veneer lumber (Inspection scope: laminated veneer lumber, structural laminated veneer lumber)	<u>1. Laminated veneer lumber:</u> CNS 11818:2024, <u>2. Structural laminated veneer lumber:</u> CNS 14646:2024	CNS 11818:2014 CNS 14646:2015	Type Approved Batch Inspection or Registration of Product Certification (Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII)	4412.10.11.00-9D 4412.10.12.00-8D 4412.41.10.00-3D 4412.41.20.00-1D 4412.42.10.00-2D 4412.42.20.00-0D 4412.49.10.00-5D 4412.49.20.00-3D 4412.51.10.00-0D 4412.51.20.00-8D 4412.52.10.00-9D 4412.52.20.00-7D 4412.59.10.00-2D 4412.59.20.00-0D 4412.91.10.00-2D 4412.91.20.00-0D 4412.92.10.00-1D 4412.92.20.00-9D 4412.99.10.00-4D
Glulam (Inspection scope: glulam for decorative use, overlaid glulam)	<u>1. Glulam for decorative use:</u> CNS 11029:2024, <u>2. Overlaid glulam for</u>	CNS 11029:2014 CNS 11030:2014 CNS 11031:2014 CNS 11032:2014		4412.10.11.00-9F 4412.10.12.00-8F 4412.10.91.00-2F 4412.10.92.00-1F 4412.31.10.00-5F

for decorative use, structural glued-laminated timber, overlaid glulam posts for structural use)	<u>decorative use:</u> CNS 11030:2024, <u>3. Structural glued-laminated timber:</u> CNS 11031:2014, <u>4. Overlaid glulam posts for structural use:</u> CNS 11032:2024			4412.31.20.00-3F 4412.33.10.00-3F 4412.33.20.00-1F 4412.34.10.00-2F 4412.34.20.00-0F 4412.39.10.00-7F 4412.39.20.00-5F 4412.51.10.00-0F 4412.51.20.00-8F 4412.52.10.00-9F 4412.52.20.00-7F 4412.59.10.00-2F 4412.59.20.00-0F 4412.91.10.00-2F 4412.91.20.00-0F 4412.92.10.00-1F 4412.92.20.00-9F 4412.99.10.00-4F 4412.99.20.00-2F 4418.30.00.00-2F 4418.81.00.00-0F 4418.83.00.00-8F 4418.89.00.00-2F 4418.91.00.00-8F 4418.99.00.90-1F 4421.91.00.00-3F 4421.99.00.90-6F
Medium density fiberboard (excluding raw materials intended for processing or assembly into furniture)	CNS 9909:2024	CNS 9909:2012		4411.12.10.00-9A 4411.12.90.00-2A 4411.13.10.00-8A 4411.13.90.00-1A 4411.14.10.00-7A 4411.14.90.00-0A 4411.93.10.00-1A 4411.93.90.00-4A 4411.94.10.00-0A 4411.94.90.00-3A
Particleboard (excluding raw materials intended for processing or assembly into furniture)	CNS 2215:2024	CNS 2215:2012		4410.11.00.10-1A 4410.11.00.20-9A 4410.11.00.30-7A 4410.11.00.90-4A 4410.12.00.00-2A 4410.19.10.10-1A 4410.19.10.90-4A 4410.19.90.00-6A 4410.90.00.00-7A
Plywood(Inspection scope: plywood, special plywood, structural	<u>1. Plywood:</u> CNS1349:2024, <u>2. Special plywood:</u> CNS 8058:2024,	CNS1349:2014 CNS 8058:2014 CNS 11671:2014 CNS 8057:2012 CNS 11670:2014	<u>Type Approved Batch Inspection or Registration of Product</u>	4412.10.11.00-9C 4412.10.12.00-8C 4412.10.91.00-2C 4412.10.92.00-1C 4412.31.10.00-5C

plywood, plywood for concrete-form, scaffolding plywood, plywood for pallet, <u>fire- retardant plywood</u>)	<u>3. Structural plywood:</u> CNS 11671:2024, <u>4. Plywood for concrete-form:</u> CNS 8057:2024, <u>5. Scaffolding plywood:</u> CNS 11670:2024, <u>6. Plywood for pallet:</u> CNS 15583:2024, <u>7. Fire-retardant plywood:</u> CNS 11669:2024	CNS 15583:2012 CNS 11669:2008	Certification (Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII)	4412.31.20.00-3C 4412.33.10.00-3C 4412.33.20.00-1C 4412.34.10.00-2C 4412.34.20.00-0C 4412.39.10.00-7C 4412.39.20.00-5C 4412.51.10.00-0C 4412.51.20.00-8C 4412.52.10.00-9C 4412.52.20.00-7C 4412.59.10.00-2C 4412.59.20.00-0C 4412.91.10.00-2C 4412.91.20.00-0C 4412.92.10.00-1C 4412.92.20.00-9C 4412.99.10.00-4C 4412.99.20.00-2C
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Description of the two kinds of conformity assessment procedures

1. Type Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme

Under this scheme, manufacturers or importers shall have their products type-tested by the BSMI or BSMI-designated testing laboratories, and file an application for Type Approval to the BSMI or its branches.

After manufacturers or importers obtain a Type Approval Certificate, they are required to file an application for batch inspection to the BSMI each time before their products are release from the production premises or arrive at the port of entry. The BSMI will then review the application and the related documents while additional samples may be required for further testing if it is deemed necessary.

After the products have passed the inspection, they will be allowed to use the Commodity Inspection Mark with the letter 'T' and the identification number given by the BSMI. The application fee for a Type Approval is NT\$3,500, and a Type Approval certificate is valid for three years. The fees for type testing vary by products and depend on the fee policies of the testing laboratories.

2. Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme: Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII

For products subject to Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII procedures, not only the products are required to be type-tested (Module II) by the BSMI or BSMI-designated testing laboratories, but the quality management systems of the production premises must be audited under Module IV (Full Quality Management System), Module V (Production Quality Management System) or Module VII (Factory Inspection).

For Module IV and Module V, a registration certificate issued in accordance with CNS 12681 (ISO 9001) is required to be obtained from certification bodies recognized by the BSMI. As for Module VII, a factory inspection report issued by the BSMI or BSMI-recognized factory inspection bodies is needed.

In addition, a declaration of conformity-to-type is also required to ensure that the mass-produced commodities are in conformity with that shown in the type-test report.

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. Additionally, these products can clear the 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 (about US\$170) for each certification, and an RPC certificate is valid for 3 years. If there are any serial products, an extra NT\$3,000 (about US\$100) 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.

Locations to apply for type testing:

Keelung Branch, Taichung Branch, Kaohsiung Branch of the BSMI, or BSMI-designated testing laboratories.

Locations to apply for Type Approval or Registration of Product Certification:

The BSMI or its branches.

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. An extra 7 working days may be required if additional tests are required.)

Related requirements:

1. The inspection standards of the commodities 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 announcements.
2. The C.C.C. Codes listed in the table are used for reference only. Products listed shall still comply with the requirements before entering into the market, even though their C.C.C. Codes are identified differently by the Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance or International Trade Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Others:

Please refer to the “Directions Governing Inspection of Wooden Board Commodities” for more detailed explanation about the processes.