

Legal Inspection Requirements for Playpens for Domestic Use

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Background:

In response to the concerns raised by the public about the safety of playpens for domestic use due to incidents in recent years that resulted in severe injuries to young children, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) decides to regulate the safety and quality of playpens for domestic use. The conformity assessment procedure is either Type-Approved Batch Inspection or Registration of Product Certification (Module 2 + Module 3).

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

Description of Goods	Inspection standards	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
Playpens for domestic use	CNS 16004 : 2017	9403.60.10.00.0-C
		9403.60.90.00.3-C
		9403.70.00.00.0-E

Inspection items:

According to characteristics of playpens for domestic use, the chemical material tests and physical performance tests are included.

Conformity assessment procedures:

Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) or Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme [type test (Module 2) + declaration of conformity to type (Module 3)].

- **Type Approved Batch-by-Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme**
Further information on this procedure is available on the BSMI website at <https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=4447&ctNode=9452&mp=2>
- **Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme**

Under this procedure, manufacturers or importers must have their products type-tested by the BSMI or BSMI-designated testing laboratories [type test (Module 2)] before applying for registration of their products. Manufacturers or importers are also required to ensure by declaration [declaration of conformity to type (Module 3)] that all products made at their manufacturing facilities are in conformity with the prototypes submitted for type testing in Module 2.

Products will be allowed to use the Commodity Inspection Mark with the letter “R” and the identification number given by the BSMI, after they are certified and registered with the BSMI. These products can then clear customs directly without any further inspection. The application fee and the annual fee for RPC are NT\$5,000 and NT\$2,000 respectively for each type of product, and a RPC certificate is valid for three years.

Further information on this procedure is also available on the BSMI website at

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

- The BSMI or its branches.