

# Amendments to the Legal Inspection Requirements for Cement

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## Background:

1. With a view to enhancing the quality of cements, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) is updating the inspection standard CNS 61 for Portland Cement to its current version, published in 2021. The changes mainly involve maximum limits of added ingredients, maximum value of loss on ignition and insoluble residues in chemical substances, test of physical properties in fitness, specific surface, packaging and labeling.
2. The conformity assessment procedures remain the same, i.e. Monitoring Inspection (MI) or Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System (MS-Based Monitoring Inspection).
3. The obligatory inspection applicants will be allowed to print the Commodity Inspection Mark by themselves or purchasing labels from the BSMI.

**Date of implementation:** 1 June 2022

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

Description of Goods	Inspection Standard	Inspection Scheme	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
Portland Cement	CNS 61:2021	Monitoring Inspection or Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System.	2523.29.90.00.2A
Blended Hydraulic Cement	CNS 15286:2014		2523.29.90.00.2B 2523.90.90.00.6B

## Description of the conformity assessment procedures

1. Monitoring Inspection (including random inspection)
  - (1) The Monitoring Inspection Scheme is a simplified batch-by-batch inspection scheme, based on a confidence building process. When a number of batches of a certain commodity have successfully passed batch-by-batch inspection, the inspection of that commodity may be conducted in the manner of batch-by-batch verification, randomly selected batch inspection, document examination or monitoring program.
  - (2) An application shall apply to the inspection authority of the entry port upon arrival of the commodities or to the one located at the manufacturing location before domestically-manufactured commodities are shipped out of the production premises. The application for inspection can be made through visit in person, mail or the Internet.
  - (3) When making the application, an applicant shall complete an application form and pay the inspection fees.
2. Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System (Management-System-Based Monitoring Inspection)
  - (1) The production premise of a commodity subject to monitoring inspection may apply for registration with

the BSMI if its quality management systems are certified by bodies recognized by the BSMI. Products manufactured by BSMI registered production premises are entitled to the program of management-system-based monitoring inspection.

- (2) To apply for registration, the applicant shall fill out the application form, accompanied by the QMS certificate and list of basic testing equipment, for review. A registration code will be granted if compliance is found after the review.
- (3) If the applicant is a foreign-based premise, the application shall be made by a local agent who has its domicile or business place in Taiwan.

**Fee for Monitoring Inspection:** 0.25% of CIF per batch

**Fee for Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System:** 0.02% of CIF per batch

**Commodity Inspection Mark:**

The Roman letter “C” Mark labels printed by the BSMI, or the Roman letter “M” or “Q” with a designated code, authorized by the BSMI to be printed by the applicant.

**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. The listed products 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 Bureau of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs.