



Type Approval or Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme (Module II + III)

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

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Proposal for Legal Inspection of Suitcase Commodities

By the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI), Ministry of Economic Affairs

Background:

Some newly-bought suitcases emit the distinctive odor which can pose human health at risks. In addition, they may have malfunctioned draggers and unqualified physical performances. According to the testing results performed by the BSMI, approximated 32% suitcases contained extremely high level of lead (Pb) in plastics and their labeling information is incomplete. The BSMI, after having consulted with interested parties, intends to regulate the chemical materials, physical performances and labeling of these products.

Proposed date of implementation: 1 March 2017

Products (HS/CCCN codes) covered:

- HS/CCCN 4202.11.00.00.5 Trunks, suit-cases, vanity-cases, executive-cases, brief-cases, school satchels and similar containers, with outer surface of leather or of composition leather
- HS/CCCN 4202.12.00.10.2 Trunks, suit-cases, vanity cases, executive-cases, brief-cases, school satchels and similar containers, with outer surface of plastics
- HS/CCCN 4202.12.00.20.0 Trunks, suit-cases, vanity cases, executive-cases, brief-cases, school satchels and similar containers, with outer surface of textile materials
- HS/CCCN 4202.19.00.00.7 Trunks, suit-cases, vanity-cases, executive-cases, brief-cases, school satchels and other similar containers, with outer surface of other materials

The HS/CCCN codes are reference only and the scope will be the rimmed-frame or fixed-shape suitcases with wheels or dragger.

Inspection standards:

CNS 15331 Evaluation Criteria for bags, cases, and trunks
Article 9 of Commodity Labeling Act

Inspection items:

The inspection items include Physical Performance Test (Falling Test, Loading Test, Walking Test, and Expand and contract pull-handle functioning test), Labeling Check, and Chemical Materials Test whose technical document meet CNS 15331 requirement submitted by applicant and reviewed by BSMI.

Conformity assessment procedures:

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