

Legal Inspection of Exterior Tile

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Background:

In response to the concerns raised by the public for regulating the quality of exterior tiles to avoid safety hazards caused by falling tiles, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) decide to require that exterior tiles, both domestically produced and imported, be subject to mandatory inspection before they are placed on the market. The conformity assessment procedure is Registration of Product Certification (RPC) (Module II Type Test + Module VII Factory Inspection).

Proposed date of implementation: 1 August 2021

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

Description of Goods	Inspection Standards	Conformity Assessment Procedure
Exterior tile	CNS 9737: 2016	RPC Scheme (Module II + Module VII)

Remarks:

The inspection standards are available at the CNS online service website: www.cnsonline.com.tw. You can preview the content of these standards for free. If you need to download and print the standards, please contact our Information Center.

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Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme (Module II+ VII):

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

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 be placed on the market without any further inspection. The application fee and annual fee for RPC are both NT\$5,000 for each certification, and the RPC certificates are valid for three years. If there are any serial products, an extra NT\$3,000 of application fee is needed for every application in each certification.

Further information on this procedure is also available on the BSMI website at <https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=4470&ctNode=9452&mp=2>

Locations to apply for Type Testing:

The BSMI or its designated testing laboratories.

Locations to apply for Registration of Product Certification:

The BSMI or its branches.

Related requirements: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.