

Legal Inspection Requirements for Infant Bath Seats

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Background:

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

Date of implementation: 1 October 2021

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

Description of Goods	Inspection standards	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code) (for reference)
Infant bath seats	CNS 16024 (2017) “Child use and care articles – Infant bath seats”	9401.80.00.00-0C

Inspection standards:

CNS 16024 Child use and care articles – Infant bath seats

Inspection items:

According to characteristics of infant bath seats, the chemical material tests and physical performance tests are included.

Conformity assessment procedures:

Type Approved Batch-by-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)**

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 will also be 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, 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.

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

- The BSMI or its branches.