

Amendment to Legal Inspection Requirements for Automobile Light Alloy Disc Wheels

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Background:

The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection expands the product scope of automobile light alloy disc wheels to be subject to mandatory inspection to cover those with diameters more than 18 inches. A recent survey indicated that 50% of motor vehicles were with wheels more than 18 inches in diameter. With a view to ensuring the same level of protection of consumers, the scope of wheels subject to mandatory inspection will be revised to apply to those with diameters not more than 26 inches. Two alternative conformity assessment procedures are made available for the choice of applicants, i.e. Registration of Product Certification or Type-Approved Batch Inspection.

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Date of entry into force:

1. Wheels of which diameter are not more than 18 inches : 9 April 2020
2. Wheels of which diameter are more than 18 inches : 1 May 2021

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

Description of Goods	Inspection Standards	Conformity Assessment Procedures	C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits being the same as HS Code) (for Reference)
Automobile light alloy disc wheels whose diameter are not more than 26 inches	CNS 7135:1995	Registration of Product Certification (Modules II +IV, II +V, or II+VII) or Type Approved Batch Inspection	8708.70.90.00.5

The two kinds of conformity assessment procedures for the inspection scheme are as follows:

1. Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme: Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII

For products subject to Modules II+IV, II+V, or II+VII procedures, not only the products shall be type-tested in advance (Module II) by BSMI-recognized testing laboratories, but the quality management systems of the production premises must be in conformity with Module IV (Full Quality Management System), Module V (Production Quality Management System) or Module VII (Factory Inspection).

For Module IV and Module V, a registration certificate in accordance with the CNS 12681 (ISO 9001) series of standards is required to be obtained from the certification bodies recognized by the BSMI. As for Module VII, a factory inspection report issued by the BSMI or BSMI-recognized factory inspection bodies is needed in the same way.

In addition, a declaration of conformity-to-type is also required to ensure that the mass-produced commodities are in conformity with that shown in the type-test report for all the above three (IV, V, VII) modules.

After being certified and registered by the BSMI, products will be allowed to use the Commodity Inspection Mark with the letter 'R' and the identification number given by the BSMI. Additionally, these

products can clear customs directly without any further inspection if not being sampled by RPC border check procedures. The application fee and annual fee for RPC are both NT\$5,000 (about US\$170) for each certification, and the RPC certification is valid for 3 years. If there are any serial products, an extra NT\$3,000 (about US\$102) of application fee will be charged for every application in each certification. The fees for type testing vary by products and depend on the fee policies of the testing laboratories.

2. Type Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme

Under this procedure, manufacturers or importers shall have their products type-tested by the BSMI-recognized testing laboratories, and file an application for Type Approval to the BSMI or its branches.

After manufacturers or importers have obtained type approval certificates, they are still required to file an application for batch inspection to the BSMI each time before their products are to be released from the production premises or arrive at the port of entry. The BSMI will then perform inspection with simplified procedures. Additional samples may be required for further testing as it is deemed necessary. The application fee for a Type Approval is NT\$3,500, and a Type Approval Certificate is valid for 3 years.

The fees for type-testing vary by products and depend on the fee policies of the testing laboratory.

*Further information about the scheme is also available on the BSMI web site at <https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=97620&ctNode=9768&mp=2>

Locations to apply for Type Testing: The BSMI-designated testing laboratories.

Locations to apply for Registration of Product Certification and Type-approved Batch Inspection:

The BSMI or its branches

Time required for Registration of Product Certification and Type-approved Batch Inspection:

14 working days (This period does not include the time for corrective actions by the applicant due to deficiencies in the documents; another 14 working days, upon receipt of samples, may be required if additional tests are required)

Related requirements for the inspection procedures:

1. Validity Period:

(1) For wheels of which the diameters are not more than 18 inches:

For both RPC and TABI certificates, the validity period will be three years from the date of issuance. When the certificates expire, the certificate holder may apply for a one-time extension for three years.

(2) For wheels of which the diameters are more than 18 inches and less than or equal to 26 inches:

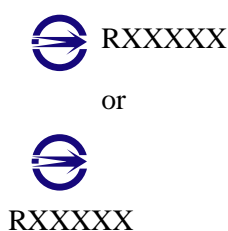
For applications made before 1 May 2021, the certificates will expire on 30 April 2024. For applications made after 1 May 2021, the validity period will be three years from the date of issuance. When the certificates expire, the certificate holder may apply for a one-time extension for three years.

2. "C02" is the import regulation code of the commodities subject to this proposal.

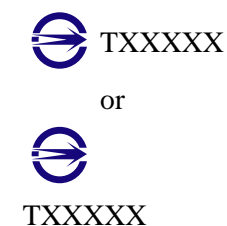
3. The commodities shall be inspected against the version of standard specified in the Table. Where a change is to be made to the version, the date of applying the new version shall be decided and announced by the BSMI.

4. The Commodity Inspection Mark:

- (1) The Commodity Inspection Mark shall be printed by the certificate holders. The identification number of the Commodity Inspection Mark consists of “Letter (R or T)” and “Designated Code (5 digits)”.
- (2) The identification number shall be placed below or to the right of the graphic symbol.
- (3) The size of the Mark can be applied proportionally on a prominent location of the commodities. The Mark shall use materials that are not easily altered, and the content shall be in a clearly identifiable and indelible form affixed permanently to the commodity.
- (4) For RPC scheme, the examples of the Commodity Inspection Mark are listed below:



- (5) For TABI scheme, the examples of the Commodity Inspection Mark are listed below:



5. The C.C.C. Codes listed in the table are used for reference only. The commodities shall still comply with the requirements before entering 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.