

Amendments to the Legal Inspection Requirements for Exterior Tiles

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

Background:

The BSMI has decided to adopt the updated version of CNS 9737:2025 as the inspection standard for exterior tiles. While the revised standard remains largely consistent with the previous version, it introduces two major updates. First, to address technical challenges in applying the dovetail form back feet to small-sized exterior tiles, a note has been added to exempt tiles with a surface area of less than 4 cm² from this requirement, which states that "For tiles with a surface area of less than 4 cm², the dovetail form may be omitted, i.e., $L_0 = L_1$." Second, a new requirement has been introduced mandating the labeling of the "year, month" or "year, week" of manufacture on the product.

Date of implementation: 1 August 2025.

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

Description of Goods	Inspection Standards*		Conformity Assessment Procedures	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
	Updated	Superseded		
Exterior tiles	CNS 9737: <u>2025</u>	CNS 9737:2016	Registration of Product Certification (Module II+VII)	List of related item numbers under Chapter 6907

Description of the conformity assessment procedures

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

1. 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 have their production premises inspected (Module VII) to ensure that all products made at their manufacturing facilities or imported are in conformity with the prototypes submitted for type test at Module II stage. The factory inspection report (Module VII) shall be issued by the BSMI or BSMI-recognized factory inspection bodies.
2. 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 the 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\$151) for each certification, and an RPC certificate is valid for 3 years. If there are any serial products, an extra NT\$3,000 (about US\$91) of application fee will be charged for each series of type included in the application. The fees for type testing vary by products and depend on the fee policies of the testing laboratories.

3. Further information on this procedure is also available on the BSMI website at <https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=102868&ctNode=9846&mp=2>

Locations to apply for Type Testing:

BSMI, Hsinchu Branch of BSMI, or BSMI-designated testing laboratories.

Locations to apply for Registration of Product Certification:

The BSMI or its branches.

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. Code listed in the table is used for reference only. The commodities listed in the table shall complete the inspection procedures before entering into the market.