

Proposal for Amendments to the Legal Inspection Requirements for Cement

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

Background:

1. With a view to enhancing the quality of cement, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to adopt the updated version of CNS 61, Portland cement, published in 2025, as the inspection standard. The main change is that the maximum limit for chloride ion content in type I/IA Portland cement is revised from 240 ppm to 350 ppm, and the requirement is modified from an optional chemical composition provision to a mandatory chemical composition standard requirement (i.e., reclassified as a CNS 61 quality item).
2. The conformity assessment procedures remain the same, i.e., Monitoring Inspection (MI) or Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System (MS-Based Monitoring Inspection).

Proposed date of implementation: 1 July 2026

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

Description of Goods	Inspection Standard	Inspection Scheme	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
Portland Cement	CNS 61:2025	Monitoring Inspection or Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System.	2523.29.90.00.2A
Blended Hydraulic Cement	CNS 15286:2022		2523.29.90.00.2B 2523.90.90.00.6B

Description of the conformity assessment procedures

1. Monitoring Inspection (including random inspection)
 - (1) The Monitoring Inspection Scheme is a simplified batch-by-batch inspection scheme, based on a confidence building process. When a number of batches of a certain commodity have successfully passed batch-by-batch inspection, the inspection of that commodity may be conducted in the manner of batch-by-batch verification, randomly selected batch inspection, document examination or monitoring program.
 - (2) An application shall apply to the inspection authority of the entry port upon arrival of the commodities or to the one located at the manufacturing location before domestically-manufactured commodities are shipped out of the production premises. The application for inspection can be made through visit in person, mail or the Internet.
 - (3) When making the application, an applicant shall complete an application form and pay the inspection fees.
2. Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System (Management-System-Based Monitoring Inspection)
 - (1) The production premise of a commodity subject to monitoring inspection may apply for registration with the BSMI if its quality management systems are certified by bodies recognized by the BSMI. Products

manufactured by BSMI registered production premises are entitled to the program of management-system-based monitoring inspection.

- (2) To apply for registration, the applicant shall fill out the application form, accompanied by the QMS certificate and list of basic testing equipment, for review. A registration code will be granted if compliance is found after the review.
- (3) If the applicant is a foreign-based premise, the application shall be made by a local agent who has its domicile or business place in Taiwan.

Fee for Monitoring Inspection: 0.25% of CIF per batch

Fee for Monitoring Inspection of Products from Premises with Registered Management System:
0.02% of CIF per batch

Commodity Inspection Mark:

The Roman letter “C” Mark labels printed by the BSMI, or the Roman letter “M” or “Q” with a designated code, authorized by the BSMI to be printed by the applicant.

Related requirements:

1. For listed products under item 1, the revised inspection standard shall take effect from 1 July 2026, and the previous inspection standard shall cease to apply from the same date.
2. For the Commodity Inspection Mark of the listed products, the applicant shall either have it printed by the BSMI or, in accordance with the “Regulations Governing the Use of Commodity Inspection Mark,” print it themselves on the smallest packaging unit. Products sold in bulk may be exempted from affixing the Commodity Inspection Mark.
3. The inspection standards of the commodities listed in the table shall follow the version specified in this announcement. If any updated version becomes available, the BSMI shall announce its implementation date in a separate notice.
4. The inspection fees for the listed products shall be charged in accordance with the relevant provisions of the "Regulations Governing Fees for Commodity Inspection."
5. The C.C.C. Codes listed in the table are used for reference only. The listed products shall still comply with all applicable requirements before being placed on the market, even if their C.C.C. Codes are assigned differently by the Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance or the International Trade Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs.
6. Other relevant administrative requirements shall be carried out in accordance with the “Directions Governing the Inspection Procedure for Cement Products.”