

Proposal for Legal Inspection of Children's Raincoats Commodities

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Background:

It rains over 2,000 mm every year in Taiwan, the rainfall quantity exceeds the world average 900 mm. On the basis of statistical data, there were more than 11 million raincoats imported into Taiwan every year. The children commodities' safety is especially important and has raised consumers' concern. According to the test results of children's raincoats bought from market, many children's raincoats' phthalate plasticizers and heavy metal contents exceeded the limits. In order to ensure children's safety and health, BSMI intends to regulate the safety of these products after had consulted with interested parties.

Proposed date of implementation: 1 June 2015

Products (HS/CCCN codes) covered:

HS/CCCN 3926.20.00.90-2	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories, of plastics (Inspection scope confined to raincoats for young children, with those suitable height between 700 mm and 1500 mm, or those label for children use)
HS/CCCN 6210.20.00.00-0	Other garments, of the type described in subheadings 6201.11 to 6201.19(Inspection scope confined to raincoats for young children, with those suitable height between 700 mm and 1500 mm, or those label for children use)
HS/CCCN 6210.30.00.00-8	Other garments, of the type described in subheading 6202.11 to 6202.19(Inspection scope confined to raincoats for young children, with those suitable height between 700 mm and 1500 mm, or those label for children use)
HS/CCCN 6210.40.00.00-6	Other men's or boys' garments (Inspection scope confined to raincoats for young children, with those suitable height between 700 mm and 1500 mm, or those label for children use)
HS/CCCN 6210.50.00.00-3	Other women's or girls' garments (Inspection scope confined to raincoats for young children, with those suitable height between 700 mm and 1500 mm, or those label for children use)

The HS/CCCN codes are for reference only, and the scope will be all children's raincoats.

Inspection standards:

CNS 15503 General requirements for safety of children's products

CNS 15291 Safety of children's clothing-Cords and drawstrings on children's clothing-Specifications

Inspection items:

- **Chemical Materials Test:** Plasticizers and heavy metals tests will be performed.
- **Cords and Drawstrings safety Test of hood and neck area:**

Measuring and tests will be performed according to CNS 15291 from section 3.1 to 3.3.

Conformity assessment procedures:

Monitoring Inspection and Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme (Module II + III)

- **Monitoring Inspection**

Further information on this procedure is available on the BSMI web site at <http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=4460&ctNode=811&mp=2>

- **Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme**

Under this procedure, manufacturers must have their products type-tested by the BSMI or designated testing laboratories recognized by the BSMI (Module II) before applying for registration of their products. Manufacturers or importers will also be required to ensure by declaration (Module III) that all products made at their manufacturing facilities are in conformity with the prototypes submitted for type testing in Module II.

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 pass through customs directly without any further inspection. The application fee and annual fee for RPC is NT\$5,000 for each type of product, and a RPC certificate is valid for three years.

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Locations to apply for Monitoring Inspection or Registration of Product Certification:

- The BSMI or its branches.