

Proposal for amendment to the legal inspection requirements of lighters

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Background:

In order to enhance protection of consumers from hazards arising from unsafe lighters, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to extend the scope of lighters that are currently subject to mandatory inspection. Lighters that have a customs value or ex-factory price less than US\$2.25 (the current scope being less than FOB US\$0.7) will be required to comply with safety requirements specified in CNS 10666. The conformity assessment procedure will remain unchanged, i.e. Type-approve Batch Inspection(TABI).

Proposed date of implementation:

1 July 2018

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

Updated			Superseded		
Description of Goods	Inspection Standards	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)	Description of Goods	Inspection Standards	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
Lighters (have a Customs Value or ex-factory price less than US\$2.25)	CNS 10666(2007)	9613.10.00.00.9	Pocket lighters, gas fuelled, non-refillable (have a FOB less than US\$0.7)	CNS 10666(2007)	9613.10.00.00.9
		9613.20.00.00.7	Pocket lighters, gas fuelled, refillable(have a FOB less than US\$0.7)	CNS 10666(2007)	9613.20.00.00.7
		9613.80.90.00.5	Other lighters(have a FOB less than US\$0.7)	CNS 10666(2007)	9613.80.90.00.5

Remarks:

The inspection standard CNS 10666 can be accessible at CNS online service website: www.cnsonline.com.tw. The content of the standard can be previewed for free. To download or print the abovementioned standard, please contact the Information Center at the BSMI.

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The conformity assessment procedures for the inspection schemes are as follows:

Type-approve Batch Inspection(TABI)

Under this procedure, domestic manufacturers or importers must apply to the BSMI for inspection of the products before they are shipped or imported. The inspection fees for TABI shall be collected at the rate of 0.25% of the market price, and the minimum inspection fees shall be NT\$500.

Locations to apply for Type Testing:

1. The BSMI or his branch offices.
2. BSMI-designated testing laboratories.

Locations to apply for TABI:

The BSMI or his branch offices.

Related requirements for the inspection procedures:

1. The revised inspection scope of lighters that are between The revised inspection standards of the commodities will remain unchanged. The conformity assessment procedures will remain the same, i.e. Type-approve Batch Inspection (TABI).
2. The import code of the listed commodities is C02.
3. Processing of application:

(1) Certificate holder:

- From the date of publication, the validity period of the certificate will be 3 years from the date of issuance.

(2) New application or Extension:

- For commodity items that are still within the scope of mandatory inspection after this amendment:

From the date of announcement, applicants shall apply for certificate(s) according to the revised inspection standards by preparing the required type-test reports, technical documents as well as documents indicating the location of the “marking of presence,” samples of the “Marking of Presence” (see Tables 1 and 2), and “the Declaration of the Presence Condition of the Restricted Substances Marking.” The validity period of certificate will be 3 years. The certificates will be valid until 31 December 2017 if the application is made based on the old inspection standards (without Section 5 “Marking of Presence” of CNS 15663). If the application is made based on the old inspection standards, together with documents indicating the location of the “marking of presence,” samples of the “Marking of Presence” (see Tables 1 and 2) and “the Declaration of the Presence Condition of the Restricted Substances Marking,” the expiry date of the certificate will be 31 December 2018.

- For commodities that are newly added to the mandatory inspection scope after this amendment:

Applicants shall apply for certificates by preparing type-test reports based on the revised inspection standards, technical documents, the designated data as well as the documents indicating the location of the “marking of presence,” samples of the “Marking of Presence” (see Tables 1 and 2) and “the Declaration of the Presence Condition of the Restricted Substances Marking.” For certificates issued before 1 January 2019, the validity period will be from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2021. For certificates issued after 1 January 2019, the validity period will be 3 years.

From the date of publication, for applications with type-test reports and technical documents in compliance with the new requirements to apply for certificate(s), the validity period of the certificate will be 3 years from the date of issuance.

4. Inspection fees of the listed products will be collected based on the “Regulations Governing Fees for Commodity Inspection.”
5. Type-test fees of the products will be collected by the testing facilities in accordance with their respective rates.

6. The inspection standards of the products 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.
7. The C.C.C. Code listed in the table is used for reference only. The commodity listed in the table shall still complete the inspection procedures before entering into the market even though their C.C.C. Code is identified differently by the Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance or Bureau of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs.