

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\$2.5 (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Updated			Superseded		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\$2.5)	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			9613.20.00.00.7
		9613.80.90.00.5			9613.80.90.00.5
			Pocket lighters, gas fuelled, refillable(have a FOB less than US\$0.7)	CNS 10666(2007)	9613.20.00.00.7
			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-approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme

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

BSMI or its branches.

After manufacturers or importers obtain a type approval certificate, they are required to file an application for batch inspection to the BSMI each time before their products are released from the production premises or arrive at the port of entry. The BSMI will then review the application and the related documents while additional samples may be required for further testing if it is deemed necessary.

After the products pass the inspection, they will be allowed to use the Commodity Inspection Mark with the letter 'T' and the identification number given by the BSMI. 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 laboratories.

*Further information on the two schemes can also be found on the BSMI web site:

<http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=8673&ctNode=811&mp=2>

Locations to apply for Type Testing:

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

Locations to apply for TABI:

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Related requirements for the inspection procedures:

1. The revised inspection scope of the commodities listed above will come into force on 1 July 2018. 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 holders:
 - From the date of publication, the duration of certificates for the commodities above will remain unchange.
 - (2) New application or Extension:
 - Lighters(have a FOB less than US\$0.7):

From the date of publication, for applications with type-test reports and technical documents to apply for certificate(s), the validity period of the certificate will be 3 years from the date of issuance.
 - Lighters (have a FOB exceed US\$0.7 and Customs Value or ex-factory price less than US\$2.5):

From the date of publication, for applications with type-test reports and technical documents to apply for certificate(s), For certificates issued before 30 June 2018, the validity period will be from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021. For certificates issued after 1 July 2018, the validity period will be 3 years.
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.