Proposal for Legal Inspection of Safety Barriers

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Background:

In response to the concerns raised by the public about the safety of safety barriers due to incidents in recent years that resulted in severe injuries to young children, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) intends to regulate the safety and quality of safety barriers for domestic use. The conformity assessment procedure is either Type-Approved Batch Inspection or Registration of Product Certification (Module 2 + Module 3).

Proposed date of implementation: 1 December 2021

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

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| Description of Goods | Inspection standards | The conformity | Reference C.C.C. Code |
| | | assessment procedures | (the first 6 digits are the |
| | | | same as HS Code) |
| Safety barriers | CNS 16005: 2017 Child use and care articles –Safety barriers | Type-Approved Batch | 4421.91.00.00-3A 4421.99.00.90-6B 7308.90.90.00-7 7326.90.90.90-6D |
| | | Inspection or Registration | |
| | | of Product Certification | |
| | | (Module 2 + Module 3) | 7,525,50,50,50 0D |

Inspection items:

According to characteristics of safety barriers, the chemical material tests and physical performance tests are included.

Conformity assessment procedures:

Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) or Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme [type test (Module 2) + declaration of conformity to type (Module 3)].

• Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme

Further information on this procedure is available on the BSMI website at https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=4447&ctNode=9452&mp=2

• Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme

Under this procedure, manufacturers or importers must have their products type-tested by the BSMI or BSMI-designated testing laboratories [type test (Module 2)] before applying for registration of their products. Manufacturers or importers are also required to ensure by declaration [declaration of conformity to type (Module 3)] that all products made at their manufacturing facilities are in conformity with the prototypes submitted for type testing in Module 2.

Products will be allowed to use the Commodity Inspection Mark with the letter "R" and the identification number given by the BSMI, after they are certified and registered with the BSMI. These products can then clear customs directly without any further inspection. The application fee and the annual fee for RPC are NT\$5,000 and NT\$2,000 respectively for each type of product, and a RPC certificate is valid for three years.

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Locations to apply for Type Approval or Registration of Product Certification:

• The BSMI or its branches.