

Proposal for Legal Inspection Requirements for Polyvinyl Chloride Floorcoverings

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Background:

Polyvinyl chloride (hereafter referred to as “PVC”) products are possible to have plasticizer contamination, resulting in environmental hormone effects and carcinogenic risk due to the exposure to PVC.

Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) is aware of 56% of randomly purchased PVC floorcoverings samples did not meet plasticizer content requirements of the standard. Considering the harmful effects of PVC to children and human health, the BSMI intends to regulate the safety and quality requirements for PVC floorcoverings. The conformity assessment procedure is Declaration of Conformity.

Proposed date of implementation: 1 July 2022

Products (HS/CCCN codes) covered:

Description of Goods	Inspection standards	Reference C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)
Polyvinyl chloride floorcoverings	CNS 8906: 2021	3918.10.10.00-1 3918.10.90.10-2 3918.10.90.90-5A

Inspection standards:

CNS 8906 Polyvinyl chloride floorcoverings

Inspection items:

The plasticizer content test is included.

Conformity assessment procedures:

Declaration of Conformity

Further information on this procedure is available on the BSMI website at

<https://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=97616&ctNode=9768&mp=2>