

Proposal for Legal Inspection of Electric Shredder and Other Digital Audio Recorder by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI), Ministry of Economic Affairs

Background:

The electric shredder and other digital audio recorder are important consumer products in daily uses. The BSMI, after having consulted with interested parties, intends to regulate the safety and EMC for the above products.

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

1. 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 that all products made at their manufacturing facilities are in conformity with the prototypes submitted for type testing in Module II.

For products chosen to be subject to the Module III procedure, the applicant shall draft a declaration of conformity-to-type and ensure that the manufactured commodities are in conformity with those in the type-test report.

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.

2. Type-approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme

Under this procedure, manufacturer or importer shall have their products type-tested by the BSMI or designated testing laboratories recognized by the BSMI, and then file an application for type approval with the BSMI, in Taipei or at branch offices, depending on where the manufacturer or importer is located.

After manufacturers or importers have obtained a type-approval certificate, they are required to file an application for inspection with the BSMI each time before their products are to be released from the production premises or arrive at the port of entry. The BSMI will then review the application and accompanying documents according to the simplified procedures. Additional samples may be required for further testing if it is deemed necessary. The fees for type testing vary by product and depend on the testing laboratories. The fee for a type approval is NT\$3,500, and a type approval certificate is valid for three years.

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Proposed date of implementation:

- July 1, 2007

Products (HS/CCCN codes, inspection standards and related inspection scheme) covered:

- HS/CCCN 8472.90.90.00.5A:
Electric shredder machines (inspection scope: only below AC 300V, rated input not exceeding 500W)
Inspection standards: CNS 13783-1(2004), CNS 14336(2005)
Inspection scheme: TABI or RPC (module II + III)
- HS/CCCN 8472.90.90.00.5B
Electric shredder machines (inspection scope: only below DC 300V, rated input not exceeding 500W)
Inspection standards: CNS 13783-1 (2004)
Inspection scheme: TABI or RPC (module II + III)
- HS/CCCN 8520.32.90.00.8A
Other digital audio recorder (inspection scope: excluding DC type)
Inspection standards: CNS 13439 (2004), CNS 14408 (2004)
Inspection scheme: TABI or RPC (module II + III)
- HS/CCCN: 8520.32.90.00.8B
Other digital audio recorder (inspection scope: only DC type)
Inspection standards: CNS 13439(2004)
Inspection scheme: TABI or RPC (module II + III)

Locations to apply for Type Testing:

- The BSMI or designated testing laboratories recognized by the BSMI

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

- The BSMI or its branches with jurisdiction over the applicant.

Time required for Type Approval or Registration of Product Certification:

- Fourteen working days. (This does not include the time for corrective actions by the applicant due to deficiencies in the documents or samples; another 7 days may be required if additional tests are required)

Locations to apply for Type-approved Batch Inspection:

- The BSMI or its branch of jurisdiction over the applicant.

Rate for Type-approved Batch Inspection:

- 2.5% of CIF, according to the Regulations Governing Fees for Commodity Inspection.