

Proposal for legal inspection of fluorescent lamps

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Background:

At the request of industry and the objective of ensuring protection of consumers, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI), would like to require that fluorescent lamps pass legal inspection before they are marketed.

Proposed date of implementation:

January 1, 2010

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

C.C.C. Code (the first 6 digits are the same as HS Code)	Description of Goods	Inspection Standards
8539.31.00.00.7C	Fluorescent lamps, hot cathode (inspection scope: compact fluorescent lamps)	CNS 14576 (2007)

Conformity assessment procedures:

Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme (Module II + III)* or
Type-Approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme**

Notes:

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

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.

**Type-approved Batch Inspection (TABI) Scheme

Under this procedure, manufacturers or importers 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.

Further information on the two procedures is also available on the BSMI web site at <http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/ct?xItem=8673&ctNode=811>

Other Remarks:

1. The term of validity of an RPC certificate or a Type Approval certificate is 3 years. For certificates that are issued prior to the implementation date of this public notice, the term of validity shall be until December 31, 2012.
2. The inspection standards shall be the latest version of standards as of the date this public notice is adopted, except where the applicable version is otherwise designated. When the applicable standards is revised or amended, the date of applying the revised or amended standard shall be decided and announced separately by the BSMI.
3. The technical documents required for type testing shall be prescribed by the BSMI.
4. Products having combined functions or multi-functions shall comply with relevant standards.
5. The relevant inspection fees shall be charged in accordance with the applicable fee schedule of the testing laboratory.