



## Taiwan Mandatory Inspection with Standard CNS 15290 for Textile and Apparel Products

The Taiwanese Bureau of Standards, Metrology & Inspection (BSMI) has introduced a mandatory inspection for textile and apparel products that are imported into, manufactured in, or sold in Taiwan. The apparel industry needs to meet a number of requirements to comply with the mandatory inspection, including being in accord with CNS 15290 *Safety of Textiles (General Requirements)* and placing the commodity inspection marks on the products, hangtags or other packaging materials.



### Background

The processing of textile products usually involves adding various kinds of dyes, auxiliaries and finishing agents that can contain harmful chemicals. When small amounts of such chemicals accumulate to a certain threshold in textiles, they may cause harmful effects to the skin and even human health. As these hazardous substances are considered to be carcinogenic or toxic to humans, and in response to public request, the BSMI plans to regulate the safety of textile products, particularly those with direct contact to the skin. The implementation dates for various products follow.

### Date of Implementation

Products	Effective Date
For babies' garments and clothing accessories under 24 months of age or height less than 86cm	July 1, 2011
Textile products (towels, sweaters, garments, swimwear, underwear, hosiery and bedding)	January 1, 2012

### Commodity Inspection Marks

Upon passing the mandatory inspections, a commodity inspection mark will be required. The Commodity inspection marks are either printed by BSMI, or can be printed by the manufacturer in accordance with regulations and with prior approval from BSMI. These marks can be placed on the products, hangtags or other packaging materials. Retailers are prohibited from selling textile products without a commodity inspection mark.

Manufacturers or importers may purchase the mark if the applicant's products have passed three consecutive inspections within one year. The commodity inspection mark printed by BSMI contains a unique identification number as shown in the following Figure 1. Manufacturers and importers may wish to print their own commodity inspection marks. The label should appear like those shown in Figure 2.

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## Commodity Inspection Marks



Figure 1: Commodity inspection mark printed by BSMI

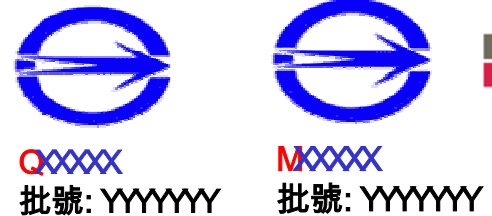


Figure 2: Commodity inspection mark printed by manufacturers or importers

Note: M – Means each batch of product is inspected.  
Q – Means the product is inspected during manufacturing.

### Additional Information

- Bureau Veritas Bulletin 10B-143: Taiwan Proposes Mandatory Inspection with Standard CNS 15290 for Babies' Garment and Clothing Accessories  
[http://www.bureauveritas.com/wps/wcm/connect/bv\\_com/group/home/about-us/our-business/our-business-consumer-products/news+and+events/regulatory+bulletins/taiwan\\_mandatory\\_inspection\\_babiesgarments](http://www.bureauveritas.com/wps/wcm/connect/bv_com/group/home/about-us/our-business/our-business-consumer-products/news+and+events/regulatory+bulletins/taiwan_mandatory_inspection_babiesgarments)
- Proposal for Legal Inspection of Bodies' Garments and Clothing Accessories  
<http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Data/f1294991663897.doc>
- Proposal for Legal Inspection of Textile Products (Towels, Sweaters, Garments, Swimwear, Underwear, Hosiery and Bedding)  
<http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Data/f1299737328545.doc>
- The Introduction of Textile Product Inspection Regime by BSMI (in Chinese)  
<http://www.bsmi.gov.tw/wSite/public/Data/f1299737192652.ppt>

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