

Directions Governing the Inspection Procedure for Playpens for Domestic Use

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1. These Directions are hereby stipulated by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) for implementing the inspection of playpens for domestic use.
2. Inspection Scheme: Type Approved Batch Inspection or Registration of Product Certification (Module II-Type Test + Module III-Declaration of Conformity to Type) at the choice of the applicant.
3. Inspection Standards: CNS 16004 - Child Use and Care Articles – Playpens for Domestic Use.
4. Scope of Inspection: playpens and folding playpens for domestic use, for a child with a body weight up to 15 kg. Playpens enclosure comprising barrier and integral base intended to retain a child whilst allowing it space in which to play.
5. Inspection Items:
 - (1) Quality Items: items stated in CNS 16004.
 - a. Chemical hazards.
 - b. Mechanical hazards: including “child retention function,” “requirements for castors/wheels,” “entrapment,” “hazards from moving parts,” “choking and ingestion hazards,” “suffocation hazards,” “hazardous edges and projection,” “structural integrity” and “stability.”
 - c. User’s manual.
 - (2) Chinese Labeling: The following items are checked in accordance with the Commodity Labeling Act/ Labeling Criteria for Baby Cribs/ Labeling Criteria for Textiles and CNS 16004.
 - a. Item to be labelled:
 - a) The product appearance is the type of crib in Labeling Criteria for Baby Cribs, or the product labeling with crib, and the applicable age is within 24 months , the items to be labelled is in accordance with Paragraph 3 of “Labeling Criteria for Baby Cribs” and Section 9.1 to 9.3 of CNS 16004.
 - b) The product major material is textiles and not in Clauses 5.(2).a(a), the items to be labelled is in accordance with Paragraph 3 of “Labeling Criteria for Textiles” and Section 9.1 to 9.3 of CNS 16004.
 - c) The product not subject to Clauses 5.(2).a(a) and Clauses 5.(2).a(b), shall label in accordance with Article 9 of “Commodity Labeling Act” and Section 9.1 to 9.3 of CNS 16004.
 - b. Methods of Labelling: Labeling shall be made on the body of the product and the prominent place of outer packages.
 - (3) Commodity Inspection Mark: The mark shall be printed by the obligatory inspection applicant who is responsible for inspection application in accordance with the provisions of the “Regulations Governing the Use of Commodity Inspection Mark” and affixed to the prominent place of the commodity.
6. Relevant Requirements for Type Test:
 - (1) Type Classification: cot or non-cot.
 - (2) Principles of Type Determination
 - a. Same Type: playpens for domestic use with the same classification.
 - b. Main Type: Among products of the same type, the one with the most complicated

structure shall be regarded as the main type.

c. Series of Type: Among products of the same type, those other than the main type shall be regarded as series of type.

(3) Locations for Performing Type Test: BSMI designated testing laboratories.

(4) Type Test Items: For each product of the main type, all items stated in Clauses 5.(1) and 5.(2), except the item of "chemical hazards." For series of type, only test items of "child retention function," "entrapment," "hazards from moving parts," "suffocation hazards," and "stability" mentioned in Clauses 5.(1) are required.

(5) The obligatory inspection applicant applying for type test shall submit the soft copies of the following documents as well as the samples to the designated type testing laboratories for performing the test:

a. Type classification table.

b. Color photos of the playpens for domestic use (4x6 inch or larger-sized photos showing the front, rear and side views of the product).

c. Samples of the Chinese labels.

d. User's manual.

e. Product information, including diagram of product structure and lists of parts (the specifications, materials and photos of each component).

f. Declaration of Validated Materials of playpens for domestic use.

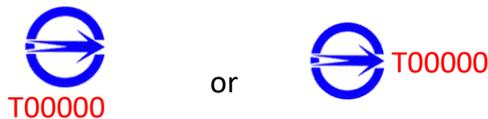
g. Samples: One sample for each main type and series of type. However, the designated testing laboratories may request additional test samples if necessary.

(6) Type Test Fees: The fees shall be collected by the designated testing laboratories based on their fee rules.

7. Relevant Requirements for Type Approved Batch Inspection:

(1) The obligatory inspection applicant shall first obtain the type approval certificate and make applications to the inspection authority for inspection before their products are transported out of the production premises or imported. When applying for inspection, the month and year of manufacture shall be filled in, and the Commodity Inspection Mark shall be printed on the applicant's own responsibility. The Commodity Inspection Mark consists of a diagram  and an identification number (including the letter "T" and a designated code). The identification number shall be proximately below or to the right of the diagram. The products shall not be transported out of the production premises until they pass inspection.

Example:



T means Type Approved Batch Inspection

00000 shall be the code designated by the inspection authority to the applicant

(2) The obligatory inspection applicant applying for type approval shall submit to the inspection authority the type test report, the required documents specified in Clause 6.(5), and the required documents specified in Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1, Article 5 of the Regulations Governing Type Approval of Commodities.

(3) The Review Period of Type Approval: 14 working days from the receipt of the application

by the inspection authority (not including the time for delivery of additional information by the applicant). Where additional samples are drawn, such period shall be extended to another 7 working days after the receipt of the samples.

- (4) Applications for the same batch of playpens for domestic use shall be of the same type and of the same obligatory inspection applicant.
- (5) The inspection authority shall confirm that the playpens for domestic use submitted for inspection are listed in the Type Approval Certificate. 20% of the applications will be randomly sampled for inspection and the other 80% are processed by document review. For the 20% sampled applications, one-third of the items listed in the same application shall be randomly selected for drawing samples (the number of items less than three shall be counted as three; a minimum of one item and a maximum of five items shall be selected). For each selected item, one piece of the products under that item shall be randomly sampled for testing and checked for the Chinese labeling and the Commodity Inspection Mark. The quantity of selected items and sampled pieces may be increased if necessary.
- (6) For those which are sampled, the BSMI or organizations commissioned by the BSMI shall perform the 2 out of the 5 items (“child retention function,” “entrapment,” “hazards from moving parts,” “suffocation hazards,” and “stability”) specified in Clauses 5.(1)
- (7) Inspection Period: 6 working days after the samples are delivered to the inspection unit mentioned in the preceding clause.
- (8) Where the products are approved for prior release by the inspection authority, the obligatory inspection applicant shall notify the inspection authority to take samples, seal the products or check the Commodity Inspection Mark and Chinese label after the products are transported to the storage site.
- (9) The inspection authority shall issue a notice of nonconformity for products that do not comply with the requirements. The obligatory inspection applicant may apply for re-inspection without any charge for one time within 15 days after receiving such notice. Products that comply with the requirements may be released separately. Products that do not comply with the requirements shall be processed in accordance with the Regulations Governing Disposition of Commodities Failing Inspection as specified below.
 - a. Where the non-compliant products are to be returned for the whole batch, the obligatory inspection applicant shall apply directly to the Customs or the inspection authority to close the case.
 - b. Where the non-compliant products are to be destroyed for the whole batch, the obligatory inspection applicant shall apply to the inspection authority by presenting the destruction plan in order to close the case.
 - c. Where the non-compliant products are subject to correction under surveillance or part of the batch are to be destroyed/returned, the obligatory inspection applicant shall present the approval letter from the inspection authority, notice of nonconformity, import declaration (not applicable for domestically-manufactured products), and documents verifying the correction when submitting a new application for inspection to the inspection authority.
 - d. Where a new application was made, the sampling rate of items specified in Clause 7.(5) applies. The sampling rate of non-compliant items is doubled after corrective actions are taken. Non-compliant products, as well as items not sampled, of the new application shall be destroyed or returned and compliant products may be released separately.
- (10) Where the products sampled are found not in compliance with the inspection

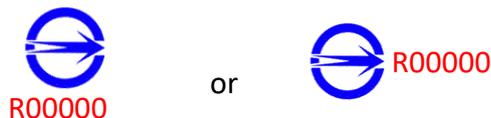
requirements, subsequent samples for domestic use from the same obligatory inspection applicant shall be inspected by batch. The sampling rate will be resumed to 20% after compliance of 3 consecutive batches.

- (11) For applications not sampled, the inspection authority accepting the application shall adopt the approach of document review to compare the types of products submitted for inspection against the relevant information in the application.
- (12) If there are changes to the scope of the products listed in the type approval certificate (e.g. changes to the main type or series of type, inspection standards or inspection items), the applicant shall obtain a new type test report from the testing laboratory that issued the original report and apply to the inspection authority for a replaced certificate.

8. Relevant Requirements for Registration of Product Certification (RPC):

- (1) The obligatory inspection applicant shall obtain the RPC certificate before their products are transported out of the production premises or imported.
- (2) To apply for an RPC certificate, the applicant shall apply to the inspection authority and provide the type test report in accordance with Clause 6, the required documents specified in Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1, Article 4 of the Regulations Governing Registration of Product Certification, the conformity assessment document (the Declaration of Conformity to Type) and the documents specified in Clause 6.(5).
- (3) The Review Period of RPC: 14 working days from the receipt of the application by the inspection authority (not including the time for delivery of additional information by the applicant). Where additional samples are drawn, such period shall be extended to another 7 working days after the receipt of the samples.
- (4) Applicants granted RPC certificates shall print the Commodity Inspection Mark on their own responsibility. The Commodity Inspection Mark consists of a diagram  and an identification number (a letter "R" and a designated code). The identification number shall be proximately below or to the right of the diagram.

Example:



R means Registration of Product Certification

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- (5) If there are changes to the scope of the products listed in the RPC certificate (e.g. changes to main type or series of type, inspection standards or inspection items), the applicant shall obtain a new type test report from the testing laboratory that issued the original report and apply to the inspection authority for a replaced certificate.