



Important Announcement

The Directorate of Standards and Metrology at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism would like to announce that, the importation of Portland Cement and White Portland Cement products as per the Ministerial Order No.163 for 2011 and as per the Ministerial Order No.42 for 2016 will be subjected to a new approval process through the electronic system of Bahrain Customs (OFOQ).

The new approval process will be effective from 18th of February 2018, through OFOQ system.

Regulated product groups within this new approval process are as follow:

HS Code	Description
25231000	- Cement clinkers
25232100	- - White cement, whether or not artificially colored
25232910	- - - Ordinary cement
25232920	- - - Sulphate resistant cement
25232990	- - - Other
25233000	- Aluminous cement
25239000	- Other hydraulic cements

The IGA - The Directorate of Standards and Metrology code in OFOQ system is 3410 and the following documents are required to be uploaded through OFOQ system to obtain the following licenses:

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- Valid Material Compliance Report (MCR) issued by Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning, Approved by The Directorate of Standards and Metrology (For each and every type)
- Invoice/s of the shipment.
- Packing list invoice/s of the shipment.
(If existing)

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- Valid Material Compliance Report (MCR) issued by Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs & Urban Planning, Approved by The Directorate of Standards and Metrology (For each and every type)
- Invoice/s of the lump sum order
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Regards,