

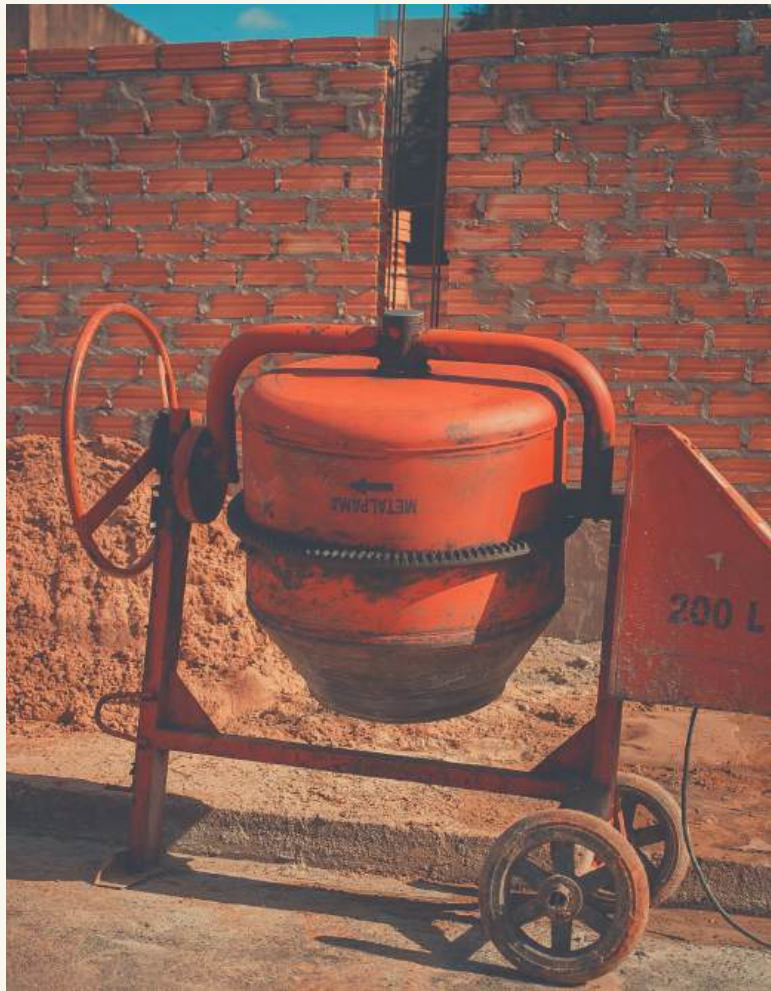
CEMENT REGULATIONS: STANDARDS ACT, 2005



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The Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade (MIT), in consultation with the Namibian Standards Institution (NSI) has made regulations regarding administrative and technical requirements for cement products traded within the Namibian market under Section 34 Subsection 1(d) of the Standards Act, (Act 18 of 2005) as set out in Schedule No: 7125 in the Namibian Government Gazette on the 20th of February 2020.

1. The purpose of these regulations are to :

a. lay down product characteristics or their related processes and production methods, including the applicable administrative provisions with which compliance is mandatory;

b. include the terminology, symbols, packaging, marking or labelling requirements as they apply to a product, process or production process; and,

c. compel the manufacturer, importer or intermediary to comply with the requirements of these regulations.

2. Product characteristics referred in point 1(a) above are specified in the Namibian Standard NAMS/EN 197-1 (Cement - Part 1: Composition, Specification and Conformity Criteria for Common Cements).

A copy of this standard can be obtained from NSI Standards Sales at **sales@nsi.com.na** at a minimal fee.

3. Markings that must appear on packaging

3.1 The information required in subparagraph (3.2) must be printed, the print must be at least 6mm high, legible and indelibly on each bag in the English language.

3.2 The following information must be affixed onto the package of each cement product:

a. the manufacturer's name, trademark and physical address;

b. identity of the factory, which may be in code, where the cement was produced;

c. the standard designation in accordance with Clause 8 of NAMS/EN 197-1;

d. a date or code that provides traceability to the date of packing or dispatch in the case of bulk cement;

e. the standard under which the cement was manufactured;

f. manufacturer's guidelines for the use of the type and grade of cement and precautions to be observed in its use;

g. NSI Standard Mark of Conformity for cement products produced in Namibia; and,

h. a statement of quantity as prescribed in the latest edition of the SADC MEL Document 1 and Document 4.



4. The registration and approval procedure for cement products is dependent on the origin of the product, and defined in three (3) different ways:

4.1 Locally manufactured cement products

Complete the Product Certification Application form (PRC-P72-FA) and submit together with the required documentation and pay the once-off application fee.

4.2 Cement products manufactured outside the Namibian territory

Check with the Certification Body on whether a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) exist or not.

4.2.1 Importation of cement products under MRA:

(a) Apply for an attestation of conformity prior to confirmation and loading of shipment.

(b) Attestation of Conformity shall be issued for each and every consignment valid for twenty one (21) days, issued to an importer for products originating from a country where a mutual recognition agreement exist.

(c) Each Attestation of Conformity shall be identified by the Import Reference Number (CPIR No), NSI Logo and signature of the NSI Chief Executive Officer.

4.2.2 Importation of cement products where no MRA exist:

(a) Complete the Product Certification Application form (PRC-P72-FA), and submit together with the required documentation and pay the once-off application fee.

(b) A Cement Import License will be issued valid for three (3) years to an importer of cement products.

(c) The importer may use the Import Licence to import and distribute cement in Namibia

5. Role of the Customs & Excise is to assist the regulator with verification of documents of compliance at all entry points into the Republic of Namibia.

6. What happens when the consignment of cement products is NOT accompanied by documents of conformity?

Customs & Excise officials at respective border posts will verify the physical content of the consignment with details contained in the accompanying documents:

(a) Product name on the packaging label must correspond with that on the Attestation of Conformity or Import Licence; Product Material Safety Data and Commercial Invoice; and

(b) Actual product quantity must not exceed volumes stated on the Attestation of Conformity, and sales transactions invoice.

(c) If all in order, clear the consignment for distribution in Namibia, stamp the Attestation of Conformity or Import Licence document and provide the NSI Certification Body with a copy

7. What happens when the consignment of cement products is accompanied by documents of conformity?

Customs & Excise conducts a verification process (documents vs Cement):

(a) Product/Brand name

(b) Date of Manufacture

(c) Expiry date etc. (refer to section 2).

(d) Records to be generated and sent to NSI Certification Body

(e) Cement granted entry into the Republic of Namibia.

Attestation of conformity



Cement Import License

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