

Ensuring the Quality of Imported and Locally Manufactured Cement by Sri Lanka Standards Institution

As per the current regulations imposed by Consumer Affairs Authority and Import and Export Controller, it is mandatory to have Product Certification/SLS Mark in all imported as well as locally manufactured Cement and the compliance of the cement to the relevant Sri Lanka Standard when importing to the country.

Accordingly, Sri Lanka Standards Institution grants the SLS Mark to the local cement manufacturers and overseas manufacturers after a process of stringent assessment/quality audit of Quality Management System of the manufacturing plant by competent assessors of SLSI, adhering to the procedures and guidelines of SLSI. The samples drawn from the manufacturing plant are tested at accredited/acceptable laboratories in Sri Lanka or overseas to ensure the compliance of cement to Sri Lanka Standard. In addition, ISO 9001 QMS certification is a mandatory requirement to apply for SLS Mark for overseas cement manufacturers.

All imported cement shipments are regularly monitored and assessed for conformity by SLSI as per the procedures and guidelines made under the compulsory Import Inspection Scheme of SLSI.

SLSI is in a position to release the imported cement consignments after ensuring the conformity without any delay by operating effective mechanisms explained above which are established as per the authority given to SLSI by the relevant regulations.

SLSI emphasizes the fact that there is no any possibility of importing cement that do not comply to Sri Lanka Standard because of the current regulations imposed on cement importation and SLSI's strong mechanism of implementing these regulations. SLSI is committed in ensuring that quality cement is available to consumers at all times.