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Scheme - I (ISI Mark Scheme):

- **Ministry of Textiles** issued an amendment to the **Ropes and Cordages (Quality Control) Order** that grants a 12-month exemption from QCO requirements for specific Polypropylene (PP2 & PP3) ropes if they are manufactured exclusively from recycled plastic waste.
- Gas Cylinders (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
 - G.S.R. 447 (E) Dated 05 June, 2026
- Steel & Steel Products (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026
 - S.O.3300(E) Dated 22 June, 2026
- Temporary Suspension of Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2022
 - S.O.3456 (E) Dated 25 June, 2026
- Footwear made from All Rubber and all Polymeric Material and its Components (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026
 - S.O. 3037 (E) Dated 12 June, 2026
- Footwear made from Leather and other Materials (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026
 - S.O. 3038 (E) Dated 12 June, 2026
- Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026
 - S.O. 3298 (E) Dated 22 June, 2026

Scheme-II (Compulsory Registration Scheme):

- Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2023
 - S.O.2956 (E) Dated 09 June, 2026



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TBT notifications issued by India:

- **G/TBT/N/IND/437** - Notification for Revision of Standards on Essential Requirement (ER) for “Router”
- **G/TBT/N/IND/44/Add.18** - Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 has been notified by the Department of Electronics & Information Technology vide Notification No. 8(14)/2006(Vol.III) dated 7th September
- **G/TBT/N/IND/44/Add.19** - Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 has been notified by the Department of Electronics & Information Technology vide Notification No. 8(14)/2006(Vol.III) dated 7th September
- **G/TBT/N/IND/436** - Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2026

WTO Trade Concerns (EU concerns regarding India's QCOs)

- IL: [India: Importation of pneumatic tyres \(ID 41\)](#)
- SPS: [India's Draft Food Safety and Standards \(Import\) Amendment Regulation \(ID 553\)](#)
- SPS: [India's requirements for veterinary-health certificates for imported food consignments of various animal products \(ID 554\)](#)
- SPS: [India's approval procedures to import plants, animals and their products \(ID 565\)](#)

QR Code:

- Government mandated QR code for All vaccines, antimicrobials, anti-cancer medicines, and narcotic and psychotropic drugs covered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985



Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Quality Control Orders QCO's



Quality Control Order (QCO)

BIS

BIS works with Line Ministries to provide technical input on standards and schemes, while participating in consultations to **assist the government in issuing QCOs**.

QCO

QCOs are **government regulations** that **set quality standards for specific products or categories**, ensuring products meet safety, performance, and quality requirements before manufacturing, importing, storing, or selling.

Mandatory vs. voluntary standards

Standards (Voluntary)

- Document approved by a recognized body, that provides, for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for products or related processes and production methods, with which compliance is not mandatory.
- It may also include or deal exclusively with terminology, symbols, packaging, marking or labelling requirements as they apply to a product, process or production method.

Regulation – QCO (Mandatory)

- Lays down product characteristics or their related processes and production methods, including the applicable administrative provisions, with which compliance is mandatory.
- It may also include or deal exclusively with terminology, symbols, packaging, marking or labelling requirements as they apply to a product, process or production method.

Preparation & issuance of Quality Control Orders (QCO) under BIS Act, 2016

- Identification of goods & articles and preparation of draft QCO in consultation with BIS
- Approval of draft QCO from competent authority
- Hosting of draft QCO on WTO-TBT website through Ministry of Commerce
- Holding consultation meeting with stakeholders
- Examine, review the comments (if any) and take decision
- Finalisation of draft QCO giving reasonable time for implementation and approval from the competent authority
- Issue of QCOs and informing stakeholders

BIS Certification Schemes


- BIS certification scheme is basically voluntary in nature. However, for a number of products compliance to Indian Standards is made compulsory by Government under various considerations viz. public interest, protection of human, animal or plant health, safety of environment, prevention of unfair trade practices and national security.
 - For such products, Central Government directs mandatory use of Standard Mark under a Licence or Certificate of Conformity (CoC) from BIS through issuance of QCOs.
- **BIS Certification Schemes:**
 - Scheme – I (ISI-Mark Scheme)
 - Scheme – II (Registration Scheme)
 - Scheme – IV (Certificate Of Conformity)
 - Scheme – X (Certification)

Scheme - I (ISI Mark Scheme)

(Based on scheme type 4 of ISO/IEC 17067)

- **Scope - Licence** to use or apply a Standard Mark (ISI Mark),  granted by BIS for goods or articles manufactured in a manufacturing premises and conforming to all the requirements of the relevant Indian Standard(s) ([Guidelines for Grant of Licence](#)>>)
 - Manufacturing premise(s) means the premises, either owned by the applicant or otherwise, where a part of the manufacturing activity takes place and includes the premises where the final manufacturing activity is carried out and where Standard Mark is to be used or applied
- **Focus: Product quality & standard compliance**
- **Process -**
 - **Initial assessment:**
 - Factory Assessment for manufacturing & testing capability, production process
 - Conformity of Product to relevant standard – Independent testing in third party laboratory or **factory testing**
 - **Surveillance:**
 - Periodic assessment of manufacturing & testing capability, production process
 - Conformity of Product drawn from factory and/or market to relevant standard
- **Timeline & Validity of BIS Certificate**
 - Average time taken for GoL under **option-2** (Simplified Procedure) is generally **one month** and under **option-1** (Normal Procedure) **four months** from the date of receipt of complete application and its recording. It may vary for reasons like delay in response to queries raised, if any; organizing inspection(s); sample deposition, and fee dues, etc.
 - [Click here](#) for the list of Products under option-2
 - Option 2 for GoL (not available to foreign manufacturer)
 - Initial validity of a BIS certificate under Scheme I is typically 1-2 years, and it can be renewed for a period of 1 to 5 years, depending on the product and circumstances.

Scheme - II (Compulsory Registration Scheme) (Based on scheme type 2 of ISO/IEC 17067)

- **Scope - Licence** to use or apply a Standard Mark  through registration based on self-declaration of conformity for goods or articles manufactured in a manufacturing premises and conforming to all the requirements of the relevant Indian Standard(s)
 - Manufacturing premise(s) means the premises, either owned by the applicant or otherwise, where a part of the manufacturing activity takes place and includes the premises where the final manufacturing activity is carried out and where Standard Mark is to be used or applied
- **Process –**
 - **Initial assessment:**
 - No factory visit involved
 - Conformity of Product to relevant standard – Independent testing in third party laboratory by manufacturer and submission of test report to BIS
 - **Surveillance:**
 - Conformity of Product drawn from **market** to relevant standard
 - **Timeline & Validity of BIS Certificate**
 - Initial validity of a BIS registration mark under Scheme II is typically 1-2 years, and it can be renewed for a period of 1 to 5 years, depending on the product and circumstances.

Scheme - IV (Grant of Certificate of Conformity)

(Based on scheme type 4 of ISO/IEC 17067)

- **Scope - Certificate of conformity** granted by the Bureau for goods or articles manufactured in a manufacturing premises and conforming to the requirements of Standard(s) or part of Standard(s) or essential requirement(s) ([>>Guidelines for grant of certificate of conformity](#))
 - Manufacturing premise(s) means the premises, either owned by the applicant or otherwise, where a part of the manufacturing activity takes place and includes the premises where the final manufacturing activity is carried out and where certificate of conformity is to be used
- **Focus: Product conformity for specific categories such as Transformer components, retro-reflective devices etc.**
- **Process –**
 - **Initial assessment:**
 - Factory Assessment for manufacturing & testing capability, production process
 - Conformity of Product to relevant standard – Independent testing in third party laboratory or factory testing
 - **Surveillance:**
 - Periodic assessment of manufacturing & testing capability, production process
 - Conformity of Product drawn from factory or market to relevant standard

Scheme - X (Certification)

(Based on scheme type 4 of ISO/IEC 17067)

- Focus: Safety-critical, complex, high-risk equipment such as Machinery, switchgear, industrial equipment
- Submission of certification application by the manufacturer
 - Licence to use BIS Standard Mark or Certificate of Conformity (CoC)
- Desk evaluation of technical file submitted with application
- Inspection and evaluation through visit
 - Manufacturing premises, Other sites
- Conformance to specified requirements - Establishment of evidence
- After establishing evidence - Decision to grant licence or CoC
- Licence - for continuous production
 - Initial - 3 to 6 years, Renewal - 3 to 6 years
- CoC - for one-time production with no renewal
- [Scheme-X](#) notification and procedural [Guidelines](#) available on BIS website



Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS)

- BIS has been operating a Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS) since the year 2000 and now under the [BIS Act 2016 and Rules & Regulations](#) framed there under.
- Under FMCS, licence is granted to a Foreign Manufacture for the use of Standard Mark on a product that conforms to an Indian Standard (IS).
- Scheme is applicable for the grant of licence for all [products](#) except [Electronics & IT Goods notified by MeitY](#).
- Licence is granted by Foreign Manufacturers Certification Department (FMCD) located at BIS Headquarters, New Delhi.
- Recently, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) launched a [dedicated online portal for the Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme \(FMCS\)](#).
 - Effective June 1, all applications must be submitted **digitally** through the **Manakonline Portal**, ending the processing of **offline submissions**.

[More information about FMCS>>](#)



Laboratory Recognition Scheme

BIS also operates “Laboratory Recognition Scheme (LRS)” through which different types of laboratories in India and outside India are recognized.

- LRS is governed by the provisions under Section 13 (4) of The BIS Act 2016 and Rule 32 of the BIS Rules, 2018.
- Scheme covers guidelines for recognition and de-recognition of the laboratories

Objectives:

- To ensure that Indian laboratory adhere to the requirements for foreign certification.
- To make sure that when certification is given to laboratories, conformity assessment procedures are followed.
- Numerous testing facilities are being developed through various projects.
- To guarantee that testing laboratories both inside and outside of India adhere to rules.
- **BIS Laboratories or Recognized Lab:**
 - [Group-1 List of BIS Recognised Laboratories: 289](#)
 - [Group-2 Specialized Labs / Other Labs – Facilities Of Which Are Being Utilized By BIS: 260](#)
 - [BIS labs: 8](#)



Products under Mandatory Certification

BIS Scheme →	<u>Scheme-I</u>	<u>Scheme-II</u>	<u>Scheme-X</u>	<u>Scheme-IV</u>
Total Products under Mandatory Certification as on 06/06/2025	639	74	08*	2
No. of QCOs	136	6	1	2
List of Products	Steel and Iron Products, Cement, Household Electrical goods, Batteries, Feeding Bottles, Oil Pressure Stoves, Automobile Accessories, Cylinder, Valves and Regulator, Medical Equipment, Electrical Transformers and Motors, Capacitors, Chemicals, Fertilizers, Polymers & Textiles, Air Conditioner, Electric and Non Electric Toys, Cattle Feeds, Foot Wear, Refrigerating Appliances, Textiles, Smart Meters, Copper Products, Hinges, Electrical Accessories, Safety of Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances, Many More.....	Electronics and IT goods, solar photovoltaic systems, Devices and Components , and certain chemicals and textile material	Low – Voltage Switchgear and Controlgear including products like circuit breakers, switches, and contactors	Stampings/laminations/cores of transformers (with or without winding), Retro-Reflective Devices for Bicycles

QCOs: Recent Developments and steps taken by GoI

- **Making Quality Work: Policy and Process Recommendations for Reducing Regulatory Burden of QCOs drafted by an agency in India to promote deregulations and EoDB**

- 10 recommendations related to easing the QCO burden are summarized below:

1. Remove/Suspend QCOs on Raw Material and Intermedia Products. Prioritize this for products which have no competitive sourcing alternative in India.

Step taken: Recently, India withdrawn or rescinded QCOs for numerous Products to ease business, lower costs, boost MSMEs, and improve raw material availability for sectors like packaging, textiles, and medical devices. (List is available in next slide)

2. Exempt MSMEs from QCO compliance or initiate a fast-track efficient process

Step taken: MSMEs have been provided additional compliance timelines under multiple QCOs. Micro enterprises received up to 6 months' relaxation and small enterprises 3 months in several sectors. Discussions are also underway on graded standards and for small manufacturers through an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG).

3. Introduce a "trusted sources" framework to exempt select products from approved countries from mandatory testing

4. Conduct comprehensive and independent impact assessment along with industry consultation prior to roll out of QCOs

Step taken: Indian Govt. has set up an [Inter-ministerial group \(IMG\)](#) in 2025 to assess QCOs proposed by various ministries

5. Extend validity period of BIS licenses: [Licence validity increased to: up to 5 years](#)

6. Streamline and simplify certification procedure across all schemes

Step taken: BIS has expanded online application and approval systems online through the e-BIS and Manakonline portals

7. Harmonize Indian standards with international benchmarks: [Out of 23,300+ total Indian standards in force, ISO/IEC/other standards adoption \(identical/modified/not equivalent\) exists in 10,000+ \(~43%\) standards](#)

8. Add more internationally accredited third-party labs to the testing network

9. Expand the network of third-party labs including sector specific facilities: [BIS is open to accredit international Labs as many as possible and approached](#)

10. Enhance centralized digital platform for end-to-end tracking support and query resolution

Step taken: BIS has launched and strengthened multiple digital platforms including e-BIS, Manakonline, and LIMS for online applications, status tracking, laboratory management, certification workflows, and grievance/query handling.

Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) notified the “[Transition Facilitation \(Quality Control\) Order, 2026](#)” on 25 June 2026 to strengthen supply chains and facilitate industry compliance through a structured transition mechanism.

- Introduces an alternative risk-based compliance framework while maintaining adherence to applicable Indian Standards.
- Order will remain in force for **5 years from commencement** (unless extended), while applications for permission will be accepted within **24 months from commencement**.
- Applies to **10 QCOs** covering products such as **Toys, Personal Protective Equipment (Footwear), Air Conditioners and Components, Footwear, Furniture, Hinges, Electrical appliance for domestic water heating, Electrical appliance for domestic clothes washing and Household Electrical Safety Products**.
- Eligible companies may apply to DPIIT under a structured approval mechanism based on risk assessment, technical capability, compliance record and supply chain assurance.
 - Permitted entities may temporarily source QCO-covered products from manufacturers that have not yet obtained BIS certification, provided such products fully conform to applicable Indian Standards and BIS Scheme-II requirements.
 - Applications will be evaluated by an Implementation Committee chaired by DPIIT and comprising representatives from BIS, Department of Commerce, Department of Consumer Affairs, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and other relevant ministries/agencies.

Key Products Impacted by QCO Withdrawal

BIS Certification Scheme	Products
Scheme – I (ISI Mark Scheme)	Chemicals, Fertilizers, Polymers & Textiles: Acetic Acid, Aniline, Methanol, Pyridine, Beta Picoline, Sodium Tripolyphosphate, Anhydrous, Technical, Ethylene Glycol, Toluene, Terephthalic Acid, Methyl Acrylate, Ethyl Acrylate, Vinyl Acetate Monomer, Styrene (Vinyl Benzene), Maleic Anhydride, Acrylonitrile, 100 Percent. Polyester Spun Grey and White Yarn (PSY), Polyester Continuous Filament Fully Drawn Yarn , Polyester Industrial Yarn (IDY), Polyester Partially Oriented Yarn (POY), Polyester Staple Fibres (PSF), Polyethylene Material for moulding and extrusion, Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) Copolymers, Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS), Ethylene Dichloride, p-Xylene , Polycarbonate, Polyurethanes, Vinyl Chloride Monomer, Lauric Acid, Acid Oil, Palm Fatty Acids, Rice Bran Fatty Acids, Coconut Fatty Acids, Hydrogenated Rice Bran Fatty Acids
	Viscose Staple Fibres
	Flux Cored Solder Wire
	Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) Homopolymers
	Polypropylene (PP) Materials for Moulding and Extrusion
	H Acid , K Acid & Vinyl Sulphone
	Metals and Alloys: Aluminium and Aluminium Alloys, Copper, Nickel Powder
	Non-ferrous refined metals: Refined Nickel, Primary Lead, Refined Zinc, Tin Ingot
Scheme – X (Certification)	Machinery and Electrical Equipment covered under Omnibus Technical Regulation

Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)

Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecom Equipment
(MTCTE)



TEC: MTCTE

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) vide [Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 1131\(E\) dated 5th September 2017](#) amended the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951 ([Amendment 2017](#)) to introduce MTCTE

Objectives of MTCTE

- ✓ that any Telecom Equipment does not degrade performance of existing network to which it is connected;
- ✓ safety of the end-users;
- ✓ protection of users and general public by ensuring that radio frequency emissions from equipment do not exceed prescribed standards;
- ✓ that telecom equipment complies with the relevant national and international regulatory standards and requirements.

TEC is implementing MTCTE and has specified [Essential Requirements \(ERs\)](#) for over 60 [telecom equipment](#), which would need to be met before TEC grants the certification.

- Equipment needs to be tested only in [TEC designated CAB](#), or recognized CAB of MRA partner country and based upon test reports, certificate shall be issued by TEC.
- Surveillance of products under MTCTE is carried out by Licensed Service Area (LSA) field units of DoT.

[More information about MTCTE](#)



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thank you!

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