Market Access Report

October 2026

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Scheme - I (ISI Mark Scheme):

- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) issued the Animal Feeds and Feed Ingredients (Quality Control) Order, 2026 on October 7, 2026 (published October 12, 2026), making BIS certification mandatory for three key cattle feed and supplement products:
  - Mineral Mixtures for Supplementing Cattle Feeds (IS 1664)
  - Dicalcium Phosphate (Animal Feed Grade) (IS 5470)
  - Common Salt and Cattle Licks for Animal Consumption (IS 920)
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) issued the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2026 via notification S.O. 5561(E) on 9 October 2026, which supersedes the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025 and establishes phased mandatory BIS enforcement starting 1 April 2027
- Amendment: Air Conditioner and its related Parts, Hermetic Compressor and Temperature Sensing Controls (Quality Control) Second Amendment Order, 2026S.O.5438 (E) Dated 05 October 2026

Scheme-II (Compulsory Registration Scheme):

- No updates

Scheme – X (Certification)

- No updates

Scheme – IV (Grant Of Certificate Of Conformity)

- No updates

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TBT notifications issued by India:

- No updates

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

- **CMA (Committee on Market Access)**: India - Quantitative Restrictions on Imports of Certain Pulses (ID 36)
- **CMA (Committee on Market Access)**: India – Import Policies on Tyres (ID 61)
- **IL (Import License)** : India: Importation of pneumatic tyres (ID 41)

QR Code:

- No updates

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.

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 24,000+ total Indian standards in force, ISO/IEC/other standards adoption (identical/modified/not equivalent) exists in 10,000+ (~42%) 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.

Products under Mandatory Certification

BIS Scheme	Scheme-I	Scheme-II	Scheme-X	Scheme-IV
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

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



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