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# TRADE AND PRODUCT REGULATORY UPDATE

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This edition captures key updates from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) focused on Quality Control Orders (QCO)/ Compulsory Registration Order (CRO) for October and November 2025.

- **Re-calibration of QCO policy:**

**A. NITI Aayog report** - The High-level committee for Non-Financial Regulatory Reforms at NITI Aayog in its report suggested 7 reforms in relation to QCOs:

- Revoke 8 QCOs on synthetic fibres, yarns and inputs
- Revoke 7 QCOs on plastics and polymers
- Revoke 7 QCOs on base metals
- Suspend implementation of QCOs in certain categories of steel products (112 products across 6 categories)
- Revoke SIMS and No-objection Certificate (NOC) process for import of non-QCO steel grades
- Revoke 5 QCOs of footwear and electric components
- Defer implementation and refer to Inter-Ministerial Group for all upcoming QCOs issued by all line ministry on raw materials, intermediate goods and finished goods

**B. Execution by Government** – As of November 30, 2025, following actions have been undertaken:

**I. Revocation of QCOs:** QCOs in relation to following product categories have been de-notified:

- Primary Lead

- Refined Zinc
- Refined Nickel
- Tin Ingot
- Nicke
- Copper
- Aluminium and Aluminium Alloys
- Terephthalic Acid
- Ethylene Glycol
- 100 Percent Polyester Spun, Grey and White Yarn
- Polyester Industrial Yarn (IDY)
- Polyester Staple Fibres (PSF)
- Polyester Continuous Filament Fully Drawn Yarn
- Polyester Partially Oriented Yarn
- Polyethylene Material for Moulding and Extrusion
- Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)
- Polypropylene (PP) Materials for Moulding and Extrusion
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Homopolymers
- Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) Copolymers
- Polyurethanes
- Polycarbonate
- Lauric Acid
- Acid Oil
- Palm Fatty Acids
- Rice Bran Fatty Acids
- Coconut Fatty Acids
- Hydrogenated Rice Bran Fatty Acids
- Acrylonitrile
- Maleic Anhydride
- Styrene (Vinyl Benzene)

- xxxi. P-xylene
- xxxii. Toluene
- xxxiii. Methyl acrylate
- xxxiv. Ethyl acrylate
- xxxv. Vinyl acetate monomer
- xxxvi. Ethylene dichloride
- xxxvii. Vinyl chloride monomer

## II. Suspension of QCO:

- i. The Machinery and Electrical Equipment Safety (Omnibus Technical Regulation) Order, 2024 ('OTR') which was slated for implementation from 1 September 2026, now stands deferred indefinitely.
- ii. The upcoming phased implementation of products covered under Electrical Equipment (Quality Control) Order 2020 has been deferred till issue of further orders

## III. Actions relating to Steel and Steel Products QCO:

- i. Mapping steel grades across all HS Codes not covered under Steel QCO on SIMS portal. No clarification or NOC would be required for such steel grades
- ii. Suspension of 42 Standards for a period of three years covering steel grades predominantly used in the manufacturing of engineered products, automotive and durable goods
- iii. Suspension of 13 Standards for a period of one years covering specialty steel grades majorly used in niche and high-precision applications, including materials requiring exceptional strength, hardness, dimensional accuracy and thermal stability.

## • QCOs implemented in October and November 2025:

The following QCOs have been implemented in October 2025 and November 2025 (except for small and micro enterprises):

- i. Cookware, Utensils and Cans for foods and beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- ii. Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Products (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- iii. Electrical Appliances for Commercial Dispensing and Vending (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- iv. Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- v. Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025

## • Grant of All India First license for products covered under new QCOs: BIS has granted All India First license for following product categories:

- i. **IS 17632: 2022: General purpose chairs and stools** covered under Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- ii. **IS 16819: 2018: Safety of Machinery — General Principles for Design - Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction** for Injection Moulding Machine covered under Machinery & Electrical Equipment Safety (Omnibus Technical Regulations), 2024

*(Note- The 'All India First License' refers to BIS granting a company the very first certification for a specific product under a new or updated IS)*

## • Notifications/ Circulars/ Guidelines:

### A. Guidelines for implementation of revision/Amendment to Indian Standards:

The Central Marks Department (CMD) has issued following IS-specific guidelines which are also covered under QCOs:

- i. **IS 4123: 2024 - Chain Pipe Wrenches** covered under Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- ii. **IS 18480: 2025 - Fasteners —Drilling Screws with Tapping Screw Thread** covered under Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- iii. **IS 1921: 2025 - Solder Wire - Solid and Flux Cored** covered under Flux Cored Solder Wire (Quality Control) Order, 2023

- iv. **IS 11652: 2017 - Textiles — High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)/ Polypropylene (PP) Woven Sacks for Packaging of 50 kg Cement** covered under Textiles—High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) /Polypropylene (PP) Woven Sacks for Packaging of 50 kg Cement (Quality Control) Order, 2023
- v. **IS 1328: 2025 - Veneered Decorative Plywood** covered under Plywood and Wooden flush door shutters (Quality Control) Order, 2024
- vi. **IS 302-2-80 : 2017 - Household and Similar Electrical Appliances — Safety Part 2-80 : Particular Requirements for Fans** covered under Electrical appliance fans (Quality Control) Order, 2023
- vii. **IS 16709: 2017 - Textiles — Polypropylene (PP) Woven, Laminated, Block Bottom Valve Sacks for Packaging of 50 kg Cement** covered under Textiles—Polypropylene (PP) Woven, Laminated, Block Bottom Valve Sacks for Packaging of 50 kg Cement (Quality Control) Order, 2023
- viii. **IS 208:2020 - Door Handles** covered under Door Fittings (Quality Control) Order, 2023
- ix. **IS 17150: 2025 - Mini Domestic Water Heater for Use with Piped Natural Gas (PNG)** covered under Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating (Quality Control) Order, 2025
- x. **IS 7466: 2023 - Rubber Gasket for Pressure Cooker — Specification** covered under Rubber Gaskets for Pressure Cookers (Quality Control) Order, 2023

• **Update on Steel and Steel products QCO:**

- A. Exemption to additional steel grades meant for use in various strategic sectors:** MoS has issued Orders dated October 6, October 7, and October 15, 2025, granting a six-month exemption from the NOC process for 15 additional steel grades intended for use in the following strategic sectors:
- Automotive
  - Power generation and distribution

- Automobiles & components
- Mining
- Textile
- Tool and die
- Oil and gas
- Construction
- Hand tools

The full lists can be accessed [here](#) and [here](#).

The above is in furtherance to Order dated September 27, 2025, which granted similar exemption to 52 steel grades.

The SIMS 2.0 portal has been parallelly updated to accommodate NOC filing process for such steel grades.

- B. Exemption on input steel used for manufacture of final products:** An exemption has been granted *vide* Order dated October 6, 2025, on mandatory input adherence for following Standards of stainless-steel flat products till March 31, 2026:
- i. IS 6911:2017 – Stainless-steel plate, sheet and strip - Specification
  - ii. IS 5522:2014 – Stainless-steel sheets and strips for utensils - Specification
  - iii. IS 15997: 2012 – Low nickel austenitic stainless-steel plate, sheet, and strip for utensils and kitchen appliances - Specification

The above exemptions have been granted due to insufficiency in domestic production capacity.

- C. Exemption to listed HS Codes under Steel QCO:** MoS *vide* its Order dated October 6 and November 20, 2025, has provided a list of HS Codes for 16 Indian Standards which are exempted from mandatory application of various QCOs notified for such products. Refer **Annexure 1** for the QCO-IS-HS Code mapped list for reference.

It has been further clarified that exemption from mandatory requirement of adherence to QCO is also applicable on imports of above products with Bill of lading having shipped on board date on or before March 31, 2026.

- **Updates in relation to Omnibus Technical Regulations ('OTR'):**

- i. **Machinery specific guidelines:** The Machinery specific guidelines for following products have been issued for Weaving Machines (Looms) (Read [here](#))
- ii. **Sub-committee meetings:** Ministry of Heavy Industries has uploaded minutes of meeting of Stakeholder consultation meeting on overlapping of Wind Turbine Components and railway products Read [here](#) and [here](#))

- **BIS in news:**

- India moves to streamline quality control orders amid FTA talks (Read [here](#))
- India set to resume approvals for Chinese imports after five-year freeze (Read [here](#))
- Ministry of Steel conducted Open House on Steel Import Issues on October 27, 2025 (Read [here](#))

- MSMEs unaware of quality control norms may dent India's manufacturing vision (Read [here](#))
- Exporters raise issues related to quality control orders, banks with commerce ministry (Read [here](#))
- Government to ease quality control orders for standard certification on 55 steel grades (Read [here](#))
- Government to relax quality control norms for footwear, electronics components (Read [here](#))
- BIS raids on unit selling LED TVs without standard mark (Read [here](#))
- Action against manufacturing of sub-standard fasteners (Read [here](#))

### Annexure 1

S. No.	Relevant QCO	IS Number	IS Title	Exempted HS Codes
1	Cookware, Utensils and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2025	IS 14756: 2024	Stainless steel utensils - specification	73239310, 73239390
2	Drums and Tins (Quality Control) Order, 2023	IS 10325:2000	Square Tins – 15 kg/litre For Ghee, Vanaspati, Edible Oils and Bakery Shortenings	73102110, 73102910
3		IS 13997:2014	Drums, large open top	73101090
4		IS 1783 (Part 1): 2014	Drums, large, fixed ends, grade 'a' drums	73101090
5		IS 1783 (Part 2): 2014	Drums, Large, Fixed ends, Grade 'B' Drums	73101090
6		IS 2552:1989	Steel Drums (Galvanized and Ungalvanized)	73101090, 73102190, 73102990
7		IS 3575:1993	Bitumen drums	73101090
8		IS 916:2000	Square Tins for Solid Products	73102110, 73102910
9	Miscellaneous Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2023	IS 15155: 2020	Bar or wire Wrapped Steel Cylinder Products Pipes with Mortar Lining and Coating Including Specials - specifications	73053190, 73053990, 73059099, 73063090, 73069090, 73079190, 73079290, 73079390, 73079990
10		IS 6913 : 1973	Stainless steel tubes for the food and beverage industry	73044100, 73044900, 73064000
11	Stainless Steel Pipes and Tubes (Quality	IS 17876: 2022	Stainless Steel Welded pipes and tubes for general service	73053190, 73053990, 73064000

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12	Control) Order, 2025	IS 17875: 2022	Stainless Steel Seamless Pipes and Tubes for General Services - Specification	73044100, 73044900
13	Steel Tubes (Quality Control) Order 2020	IS 1161: 2014	Steel Tubes for Structural Purposes - Specification	73043119, 73043129, 73043139, 73043919, 73043929, 73043939, 73045910, 73045920, 73045930, 73049000, 73053190, 73053990, 73059099, 73063090, 73069090
14		IS 1239 (Part-	Steel tubes, tubulars and other wrought steel fittings - specification	73043119, 73043129, 73043919, 73043929, 73049000, 73063090, 73069019, 73069090
15		IS 4270: 2001	Steel Tubes Used for Water Wells - Specification	73043119, 73043129, 73043139, 73044100, 73044900, 73045110, 73045120, 73045130, 73045910, 73045920, 73045930, 73049000, 73053190, 73053990, 73059099, 73063090, 73064000, 73065000, 73069090
16	Steel Wires or Strands, Nylon or Wire Ropes and Wire mesh (Quality Control) Order, 2024	IS 2141:2005	Hot dip galvanized stay strand	73121030, 73129000



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