Dear Reader,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to you with an important update regarding mandatory registration requirements applicable to imports of certain Chemicals, Yarns and Sewing Machines into India.

**Background**

The Government of India has on January 12, 2021 notified proposed Quality Control Orders for several chemicals and yarns at the World Trade Organization’s Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.

These are products for which mandatory BIS certification is being proposed. Upon their adoption, such Quality Control Orders will require products mentioned therein to meet the specifications contained in the standards formulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), India’s National Standardization Body, before they may be imported into India. The relevant Orders are available here.

**Products concerned**

* The following products have been proposed for mandatory BIS certification at the WTO:

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Synthetic Micro-Fibers for use in Cement Based Matrix | To be announced | March 13, 2021
Sewing Machines | To be announced | March 13, 2021

**Concerned Authorities**
Interested stakeholders and WTO Members are invited to provide their comments on the proposed Orders within the timeframes set out above. The relevant authorities that have been designated to receive such comments are:

1. **For issues pertaining to the Quality Control Orders**
   Mr. Kashi Nath Jha  
   Joint Secretary to the Government of India,  
   Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals  
   Shastri Bhawan, Room no. 341-A wing,  
   Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi - 110001  
   Tel: +91-11-23383756  
   Email:jspc-cpc@gov.in

2. **For issues pertaining to Indian Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures**
   Mr. H J S Pasricha  
   Scientist – F & Head (Certification)  
   Central Marks - I, Manak Bhawan  
   Bureau of Indian Standards  
   9, B.S. Zafar Marg,  
   New Delhi - 110002  
   Tel: +91-11-23231903  
   Email:cmd1@bis.org.in

**Important to note the timelines for implementation**
As per the notifications, WTO Members are invited to make comments, if any, within 60 days of issuance of the notifications. Concerned manufacturers of the chemicals mentioned above may, therefore, raise their concerns at the WTO level through their respective governments or with the abovementioned authorities within such time frames.

Once these Orders come into force, both foreign producers and domestic manufacturers of these products would need to submit an application to the BIS seeking certification. Furthermore, the process of certification will also require physical testing and inspection of the relevant chemicals at the factory premises as well as parallel testing by a BIS authorized laboratory in India to verify the same. Certification may be granted for a period of up to two years initially, after which it must be renewed.

BIS certification is a time consuming process and therefore it is recommended that interested producers make applications for certification at the earliest in cases wherein Quality Control Orders are already in place.

For any queries or comments on this update, please feel free to contact us at insights@elp-in.com.

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