

BIS Update: Extension of Mandatory Certification for Additional Chemical Products

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We are writing to you with an important update regarding mandatory registration requirements applicable to imports of certain products into India.

Background

The Government of India has on April 23, 2021 extended the date of enforcement of existing Quality Control Orders for several chemical products. Producers of these products will now have additional time to obtain BIS certification of their products. The relevant Orders are available here.

Products concerned

The date of entry into force of existing Quality Control Orders for the following chemicals has been extended:

Product	Date of Entry into force
Methanol	February 3, 2022
Aniline	February 3, 2022
Acetic Acid	February 3, 2022
Potassium Carbonate	March 13, 2022
Sodium Tripolyphosphate	March 13, 2022
Gamma Picoline	March 13, 2022
Beta Picoline	March 13, 2022
Pyridine	March 13, 2022
Hydrogen Peroxide	March 13, 2022

Next Steps

As per the notifications, producers of these chemicals will now have additional time to secure BIS certification before these Orders come into force. Once these Orders come into force, both domestic and foreign manufacturers of these products will only be able to export/sell in India with a valid BIS license in place.

To obtain such license, 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 have been issued and are pending enforcement.

We trust you will find this an interesting read. For any queries or comments please feel free to contact us at insights@elp-in.com

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