



BIS Update: Extension to Compulsory use of Standard Mark for Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances

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Dear Reader,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to you with an important update regarding extension of the mandatory use of the Standard Mark requirements applicable to the manufacture and import of **Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances** in India.

Background

The Government of India has recently notified a revised Quality Control Order (QCO) for **Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances**, dated **April 06, 2026**. This QCO supersedes the earlier order issued in May 2025 (**May 2025 QCO**).

As per the QCO, compliance with the mandatory use of the Indian Standard Mark as specified therein, is a pre-requisite for the sale of the covered products in India. Accordingly, such products must be certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

A key impact of the revised QCO is the extension of timelines for BIS compliance. The relevant order can be accessed [here](#).

Products concerned

The QCO applies to **all electrical appliances intended for household, commercial, or similar applications, with a rated voltage not exceeding 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances, including those supplied by direct current and battery-operated appliances**. Appliances falling within the above scope are required to conform to the requirements of IS 302 (Part 1): 2024/IEC 60335-1: 2020 – *Household and Similar Electrical Appliances – Safety, Part 1: General Requirements*.

Below is an **illustrative** list of appliances covered under the QCO.

INDIAN STANDARD	APPLIANCES	
<p>IS 302 (Part 1): 2024/IEC 60335-1: 2020 - Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety Part 1 General Requirements</p>	<p>Vacuum Cleaners and Water Suction Cleaning Appliances Spin Extractors, Ovens and Similar Appliances Electrical Shavers Hair, Clippers and Similar Appliances Tumbler Dryers Warming Plates and Similar Appliances Frying Pans Deep Fat Fryers and similar appliances Massage Appliances Electric Forced Convection Ovens Steam Cookers and Steam-Convection Ovens</p>	<p>Electric Heating Tools Hobs and Hob Elements Commercial Electric Doughnut Fryers and Deep Fat Fryers Commercial Electric Dishwashing Machines Whirlpool Baths and Whirlpool Spas Thermal Storage Room Heaters Commercial Electric Rinsing Sinks Commercial Electric Kitchen Machines Air-Cleaning Appliances Water-Bed Heaters Toilet Appliances, etc.</p>

Timelines for Implementation

The QCO would come into force in a staggered manner for different types of enterprises:

- For enterprises other than micro and small: October 01, 2026
- For small enterprises: January 01, 2027
- For micro enterprises: April 01, 2027

Exemptions Provided

The QCO exempts certain electrical appliances from its ambit, such as:

- Electrical appliances which **fall under the scope of any other QCO** issued under the BIS Act or notified for mandatory BIS certification under any other applicable law.
- Electrical appliances **manufactured domestically for export**;
- Electrical appliances **manufactured by enterprises registered under the Udyam portal** of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, subject to additional requirements;
- Electrical appliances **imported or domestically manufactured prior to the implementation of the QCO, provided an application for BIS certification of such goods has been filed**. Such manufacturers shall be permitted to sell, display, or offer for sale the declared stock for a period of up to six months from the date of implementation;
- **Imports of up to 200 units per year**, where such goods/articles are imported **for research and development** purposes by manufacturers of household and similar electrical appliances, subject to additional conditions, including a prohibition on commercial sale.

Next Steps

Once the QCO comes into force, both domestic and foreign manufacturers of household, commercial and similar electrical appliances will only be able to sell these products in India while mandatorily using the prescribed Standard Mark under a valid license issued by the BIS, subject to the exemptions outlined above.

To obtain the necessary certification from the BIS, both foreign producers and domestic manufacturers of these household, commercial and similar electrical appliances would need to submit a formal application to the BIS.

The process of certification also requires physical testing and inspection of the relevant product at the factory premises as well as parallel testing by a BIS authorized laboratory in India to verify the same. BIS certification is a time-consuming process and therefore it is recommended that interested producers make applications for certification at the earliest, in order to obtain certification by the date when the QCO comes into force.

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