



BIS Update: Temporary Suspension of the Linear Alkyl Benzene Quality Control Order

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Dear Reader,

We hope this email finds you well. We are writing to share an important regulatory update regarding the temporary suspension of the mandatory BIS certification requirements applicable to the manufacture and import of Linear Alkyl Benzene in India.

Background	The Government of India ("GOI") had notified Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2022 ("QCO") dated April 5, 2022. As per the QCO, the manufacture, import, sale, and distribution of Linear Alkyl Benzene in India is permitted only if the product conform to the applicable Indian Standard and bear the Standard Mark under a valid licence issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards ("BIS"). The QCO can be accessed here. Through the recent amendment dated September 29, 2026, the GOI has temporarily suspended the operation of the QCO from April 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026. The relevant amendment notification can be accessed here.								
Products concerned	The QCO applies to the following product covered under the relevant Indian Standard: <table><tr><th>Good or article</th><th>Indian Standard</th><th>Title for the Indian Standard</th></tr><tr><td>Linear Alkyl Benzene</td><td>IS 12795:2020</td><td>Linear Alkyl Benzene - Specification</td></tr></table>			Good or article	Indian Standard	Title for the Indian Standard	Linear Alkyl Benzene	IS 12795:2020	Linear Alkyl Benzene - Specification
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Amendments to the QCO	This is the third time that the GOI has temporarily suspended the operation of the QCO in view of the exigencies prevailing globally and supply chain disruptions. Earlier, the GOI temporarily suspended the operation of the QCO from April 1, 2026, to July 1, 2026, through a notification dated March 30, 2026, which can be accessed here. The GOI subsequently extended the suspension from July 1, 2026, to September 30, 2026, through a notification dated June 25, 2026, which can be accessed here. Through the latest notification, the GOI has now further extended the temporary suspension of the QCO until December 31, 2026.								
Next Steps	Since the suspension is temporary, the applicable BIS requirements will continue to apply upon expiry of the suspension period. Accordingly, manufacturers that already hold a BIS licence and intend to continue supplying the product to India should maintain their existing licence and renew it, as required. Manufacturers that are looking to manufacture or export the product to India should consider initiating the BIS certification process in advance. The certification process requires the submission of a formal application to BIS, followed by factory inspection, product testing, and independent verification through BIS-recognized laboratories in India. As this process can be time-consuming, manufacturers intending to supply the product to the Indian market are advised to initiate the certification process well in advance of the revised enforcement date to help ensure uninterrupted market access.								

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