



Note on the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) implementation for Footwear Sector, coming into effect from 1st July 2023

The Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India has mandated the Quality Control Orders [QCOs] for Footwear Sector which will come into force with effect from 1st day of July 2023. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) shall be the certifying and enforcing authority for the goods or articles. The following goods & articles are notified under QCOs: i.e., the following goods shall conform to the Indian Standards and shall bear the Standard Mark under a license from BIS:

Footwear made of Leather and other Materials:

Sl. No	Goods or Articles	Indian Standard
1	Leather Safety boots & Shoes	IS 1989 (Part-1) 1986
	Leather Safety boots & Shoes	IS 1989 (Part-2) 1986
2	Canvas Shoes Rubber Sole	IS 3735 1996
3	Canvas Boots Rubber Sole	IS 3736 1995
4	Safety Rubber Canvas Boots for Miners	IS 3976 2018
5	Leather Safety Footwear having direct moulded rubber sole.	IS 11226 1993
6	Leather Safety Footwear with direct moulded polyvinylchloride (PVC) Sole	IS 14544 1998
7	Sports Footwear	IS 15844 2010
8	High ankle tactical boots with PU - Rubber Sole	IS 17012 2018
9	Antiriot shoes	IS 17037 2018
10	Derby shoes	IS 17043 2018

Refer: Order No.467000/2022/Leather dated 03.06.2022 issued by DPIIT, Govt of India (Attached)

Footwear made from all Rubber and all Polymeric material and its components.

Sl. No	Goods or Articles	Indian Standard
1	Industrial and Protective Rubber Knee and ankle boots	IS 5557 2004
2	All rubber gum boots and ankle boots.	IS 5557 (Part-1) 2018
3	Moulded solid rubber soles and heels	IS 5676 1995
4	Rubber microcellular sheets for soles and heels	IS 6664 1992
5	Solid PVC soles and heels	IS 6719 1972
6	PVC sandal	IS 6721 1972
7	Rubber Hawaii Chappal	IS 10702 1992
8	Slipper, Rubber	IS 11544 1986
9	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) industrial boots	IS 12254 1993
10	Polyurethane sole, semi rigid	IS 13893 1994
11	Unlined moulded rubber boots	IS 13995 1995
12	Moulded plastics Footwear - Lined or unlined polyurethane boots for general industrial use	IS 16645 2018
13	Footwear for men and women for municipal scavenging work	IS 16994 2018

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In the above-mentioned two Orders dated 03.06.2022, it is mentioned that the QCOs for the Footwear Sector shall not apply to goods or articles meant for exports.

Vide Order dated 11.08.2022 issued by DPIIT, Govt of India, it is mentioned that QCOs for Footwear Sector shall not apply to micro and small manufacturing units as defined in Section 7 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act 2006 (27 of 2006) as amended from time to time.

As per Ministry of MSME, Govt of India Notification dated 26.06.2020, an enterprise shall be classified on the basis of the following criteria namely:

- (i) a micro enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs. 1 Crore and Turnover does not exceed Rs.5 Crores.
- (ii) a small enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs.10 Crore and Turnover does not exceed Rs.50 Crores.

PROCEDURES:

The stepwise process for first time applicants to follow in order to obtain BIS certification is given below in the form of guidelines:

Step-I	Read and understand the Indian Standard	<p>The first step is to identify the Indian Standard for your product. Once you have identified the Indian Standard, you have to download the Indian Standard from the BIS website after creating your BIS account in the portal.</p> <p>https://www.services.bis.gov.in:8071/php/BIS_2.0/</p> <p>Indian Standards which are adoptions of ISO Standards, cannot be downloaded for free and must be purchased from BIS e-sales portal.</p> <p>https://standardsbis.bsbedge.com/</p> <p>Read the Indian Standard and ensure that your product meets the requirements specified in the Indian Standard and that required manufacturing and testing facilities as prescribed in the Indian Standard are available in your unit.</p> <p>However, in case complete testing facilities are unavailable in your unit since these tests require expensive or sophisticated test equipment, BIS can also permit manufacturers to subcontract such tests to BIS recognized labs.</p> <p>Product Manuals, where available on BIS website www.bis.gov.in may also be referred. However, even if the product manual for any product is unavailable on BIS website, you can still apply for grant of licence without waiting for BIS to publish the product manual. The concerned BIS Branch Office will guide you through the application process.</p>
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Step-II	Create Login On Manakonline	<p>Go to www.manakonline.in and create an account on Manakonline, the BIS application portal. Apply for a license through this account.</p> <p>BIS accepts application for product certification in online mode only (including all payments).</p> <p>Before registering in the portal, you are advised to go through applicant user manual, FAQs related to portal at https://www.manakonline.in/MANAK/impLinks</p>
Step-III	Choose Indian Standard	<p>While submitting application, select the applicable Indian Standard for your product from among the 27 footwear products (List is at Annex 1). If you are making more than one product, separate applications must be submitted for each product/Indian Standard. e.g., for Sports Footwear, choose IS 15844.</p> <p>Two modes of applications are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under option 1 (normal procedure) - You can apply without getting your product(s) tested from a BIS recognized laboratory. Licence will be granted after satisfactory inspection and receipt of conforming test reports from BIS recognized labs. - Under option 2 (simplified procedure) - (Applicable if BIS recognized lab is available for the product) - You need to get your product(s) tested from a BIS recognized lab as per the applicable Indian Standard and apply with complete and conforming test report(s). Licence will be granted after satisfactory inspection. A “verification sample” shall be drawn during the visit and the licence will be reviewed after receipt of the verification sample test report. <p>Note: To find out the BIS recognized labs for any Indian Standard, please visit www.bis.gov.in, go to <i>Laboratory Services>Test Facilities and Testing Charges>Indian Standard Wise List of Recognized Laboratories</i> and enter the Indian Standard Number in the Search Field.</p> <p>Or visit the page: http://164.100.105.198:8096/bis_access/iswise_v2.html</p>

Step-IV	Provide required information.	<p>During the application process, follow the on-screen instructions of the system to Upload/provide detail of raw materials, factory location, manufacturing process and machinery, plant layout, testing personnel etc. as per the details given in the manakonline application form and pay the applicable fees. In case option 2 has been selected, also upload conforming test report(s) issued by a BIS Recognized Laboratory.</p> <p>While providing details of test equipment, please ensure that the test facilities for which subcontracting has not been permitted in the Scheme of Inspection and Testing are available in your unit and reflected in the list being uploaded.</p> <p>In case Product Manual/Scheme of Inspection and Testing are unavailable for your product, and if you wish to be permitted to subcontract any of the test(s) given in the Indian Standard to a BIS recognized lab instead of setting up the test facility in-house (See Step 1), please inform your concerned Branch Office and submit your proposal for permitting subcontracting with due justification, to them. Also inform them to which BIS recognized lab you wish to subcontract these tests.</p>
Step-V	Address any queries raised by BIS.	<p>Once application is registered you will be given an application number. Please check your communication window in the Manakonline Portal.</p> <p>If BIS has raised any queries, respond to the same immediately and address all queries.</p>
Step-VI	Confirm date for factory inspection.	<p>Once BIS has proposed date for factory inspection, confirm the date of inspection at the earliest (within 10 days of submission of application) failing which your application may be processed for rejection/closure. However, in such case, you may apply afresh when you are ready for inspection, after paying only the application fee.</p>
Step-VII	Ensure the following during Factory Inspection	<p>On the day of factory inspection, ensure that all varieties of products which are required for inspection and sampling by BIS are available.</p> <p>Given the practical difficulties in testing each of the different varieties of footwear specified in Indian Standards, BIS frames grouping guidelines to allow grant of licence for multiple varieties of the product based on testing of samples of certain varieties (e.g. In case of Personal Protective Equipment Part 2 Safety Footwear as per IS 15298 (Part 2): 2016, footwear of a particular material and particular design of any size in a group can be tested to cover that material, design of footwear for all</p>

		<p>sizes in the group subject to availability of corresponding manufacturing and testing facilities with the applicant)</p> <p>In case grouping guidelines are specified for the product, please offer samples accordingly based upon the products being manufactured by you. (However, in case grouping is not available and if you wish to propose grouping of the products, you may submit your proposal for grouping guidelines to the concerned BIS Branch Office).</p> <p>Relevant production process is demonstrated, and production/quality control personnel are available.</p> <p>Ensure availability of manufacturing machinery and testing infrastructure, as required.</p> <p>Ensure Factory Testing of samples by QC personnel in the presence of the BIS officer and test report generated.</p>
Step-VIII	Complete follow up actions, if any, arising out of Factory Inspection	<p>During the inspection:</p> <p>If BIS officer finds any discrepancy during the inspection, he/she shall communicate it through a Discrepancy cum Advisory report. Please reply to all queries within the deadline given by the officer.</p> <p>If the BIS officer is satisfied with factory inspection and sample tested in factory conforms, he /she shall seal samples and counter-samples of the product in accordance with the sampling/grouping guidelines in the product manual.</p> <p>If the BIS officer issues instructions to you to dispatch the samples along with a test request to the designated lab, do so immediately (in 24 hours) and submit proof of delivery to BIS.</p>
Step-IX	Make Payment and Obtain BIS Licence	<p>For Option 1: If and when conforming/passing test reports are received, and there is no action pending from the inspection visit, BIS will process the application for grant of licence.</p> <p>For Option 2: After Factory Inspection, if there is no action pending, BIS will process the application for grant of licence.</p> <p>Once it is decided to grant the licence, you will be requested by BIS to submit the requisite payment. Once payment is received, your licence number will be generated and communicated to you.</p>
Step-X	After grant of licence	<p>After grant of licence, you are required to follow the Scheme of Inspection and Testing and the terms of the BIS licence. BIS conducts factory and market surveillance activities after grant of licence.</p>

		In case after grant of licence, you wish to manufacture additional varieties of the product, you need to apply for addition of those varieties in the scope of the licence. Please contact your concerned BIS Branch Office to learn about how to modify the scope of your licence.
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TESTING FACILITIES	BIS RECOGNIZED LABORATORIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indian Standard-wise List of Recognized Labs - BIS Lab-wise Testing Facilities - BIS Recognized Lab-wise Testing Facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group-1 List of BIS Recognized Labs - Government Laboratories empaneled by BIS. - Indian Standard-wise List of Recognized Laboratories

Above details can be seen in following link: <https://www.bis.gov.in/directory/laboratory/>

IMPORTS

For import of notified items into India, the foreign manufacturers have to prior apply and obtain the BIS License without which imports into India will not be permitted. For this purpose, BIS is operating Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS) under which BIS License is granted to foreign manufacturers for use of Standard Mark on a product that conforms to an India Standard. All the details of FMCS, its procedures and Application Forms are available in the BIS online portal <https://www.bis.gov.in/fmcs/fmcs-overview/>

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