

## Q&A from webinar on March 9

### BIS Certification Scheme – Knowing your Compliance Obligations

| No. | Question   | Answer  |
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| 1   | If there is confusion regarding if BIS is applicable, whom should we contact for guidance? Additionally, is BIS applicable for PC, ABS materials separately? Is BIS required for combination material e.g. PC+ABS? How to know this? | <p>We can write our queries to the certification department of BIS through email or call them for the same to seek any clarification.</p> <p>Regarding the PC+ABS query, we will have to match the exact specification of the product with the Indian standard. All details are given in the standard.</p> <p>If we find after reading the standard that a product can be exempted, we can seek permission/exemption for same by giving justification to BIS.</p>   |
| 2   | Will BIS give NOC where confusion e.g. it is applicable?   | Yes, there is a provision to fill in details and get approval/exemption from BIS by giving proper justification.  |
| 3   | Are there any obligations to the Finished Good manufacturers under the BIS Certification scheme?   | For most cases, especially in case of chemicals, it is described in the standard that if the registration is required for raw material only or also for finished product.   |
| 4   | What are the criteria for AIR appointment?   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AIR(s) shall preferably be at least graduates by qualification and shall understand the provisions of the BIS Act, 2016, the rules and regulations framed thereunder as well as the implications thereof.</li> <li>• The Authorized Indian Representative (AIR) shall be an Indian resident. He/she shall declare his/her consent to be responsible for compliance.</li> <li>• AIR is representative of one manufacturing firm only and doesn't represent other foreign manufacturer(s) as AIR under the BIS Conformity Assessment schemes.</li> </ul> |
| 5   | Is the list of Chemicals applicable only to manufacture and/or import of chemicals per se or also in the finished products?  | The list is only applicable to manufacturers. If traders/importers are dealing with the products, they will have to request their manufacturer to apply for certification.  |
| 6   | Is BIS Certification valid in any other country? If yes, which ones?   | BIS certification is only meant for products meant for the Indian market.   |

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| 7  | Is BIS Certification the same as ISI Mark?  | Yes. Once you get certification, you will have to put the ISI Mark with your license number on the products.   |
| 8  | Does Maleic Anhydride come under BIS? What is late date for BIS registration?   | Yes, Maleic Anhydride is in the list of BIS compulsory certification. According to the QCO, after 24 April 2023, manufacture/import of Maleic Anhydride will need BIS certification.   |
| 9  | What is BIS Specification No. Gel & Ointment in cosmetics?  | We need the exact name of the chemical used in gels and ointment to search for this.   |
| 10 | What is difference between TEC certification & BIS certification?   | BIS certification is applied to various types of products like chemicals, cosmetics, electronics etc. The TEC certificate is applied to telecom products   |
| 11 | What are the most critical parameters to meet in Table 1 of Indian Std? What if the method stated in the standard is not the latest method?   | For every product, the methods, or critical parameters described can be different. Thus, we will have to read the standard for that product and refer to Table 1 of that standard which belongs to the chemical or substance. We need to update our test methods and align them with the Indian standard method. However, in case of some substances, the applicant has more recent methods than the method described in the standard. For the same, justification can be provided to BIS. |
| 12 | Supposing we want to import Caustic Soda from the overseas market into India, is factory audit at the overseas country mandatory? Please clarify  | Yes, overseas factory audit will be conducted by the BIS official.   |
| 13 | What is the source that factory audit is not required for chemicals mentioned under scheme II? Is it mentioned in the Product manual or QCO?  | The list for the chemicals under scheme I and scheme II along with the guidelines/details for certification are given on the BIS website.  |
| 14 | Does BIS certification also apply for mixtures?   | Most of the BIS certifications are meant for pure products. However, in order to confirm we will have to check the standards and details given.  |
| 15 | Are chemicals under BIS notification exempted from registration if they are supplied to export oriented unit/ Special economic zones?   | In case, the substance is not meant for consumers of Indian market or for sale in the Indian market and are directly exported they are exempted for registration.  |
| 16 | Is there any scope for extension of implementation date for Ortho phosphoric acid. Since Phosphoric acid is also mentioned in recently shared list of 110 chemicals which BIS is considering? | Phosphoric acid is already under scheme II for which audit is exempted of BIS certification and as per the BIS website its last date was in December 2022.   |