

Exemptions in respect of clarificatory O.M. of Ministry of Steel regarding Quality Control Order on Steel Products

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The O.M. of the Ministry of Steel dated 13th June 2025 has been issued to clarify that the intermediate material for manufacturing of final products under BIS Standards, steel products will also have to follow BIS Standards prescribed for such intermediate products. No new Quality Control Orders have been issued.

Subsequently, representations from stakeholders were received seeking clarity about scope, implementation and compliance of the said order as well as for exemptions in certain cases. In light of this, a stakeholder consultation meeting with user industries and producers was convened on 07.07.2025 under the chairmanship of Honourable Minister of Steel, wherein following major observations were made:

- The clarificatory O.M. was in principle supported by the stakeholders,

- However, it was requested that for the consignments already dispatched, relaxation may be given

It is to be noted that vide press brief dated 02.07.2025, it has already been communicated that Integrated Steel Plants (ISPs), which make intermediate products and finished products themselves and the BIS licence has been issued to them taking into account the whole process, will not need to have different licences for all stages as the BIS certification process takes care of the whole manufacturing chain.

In view of the above, an official order dated 11.07.2025 has been issued as per which the following exemptions have been granted in respect of clarificatory O.M. dated 13.06.2025:

- The mandatory adherence requirement of input steel for imports of steel products with **Bill of lading having shipped on board date on or before 15.07.2025** shall be exempted.
- The mandatory adherence requirement of input steel for the final products supplied by **Integrated Steel Plants (ISPs)** shall be exempted after verification of such licences by BIS. In the meantime, such ISPs can send a communication to Ministry of Steel on email [tech-steel\[at\]nic\[dot\]in](mailto:tech-steel[at]nic[dot]in) , with the declaration that they are Integrated Steel Plant along with the list of operative BIS licences and relevant documents. Any misdeclaration may lead to debarment in SIMS. Ministry of Steel will make appropriate provisions in the SIMS portal for such ISPs.

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