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Government of India  
Ministry of Steel

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### Order

S.O. (E) .....— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (63 of 1986), the Central Government after consulting the Bureau of Indian Standards hereby makes the following Order, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement - (1) This Order may be called the Stainless Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2015.  
  
(2) This Order shall come into force after three months from the date of publication in the official Gazette.
2. Definitions- In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, -
  - (a) "Act" means the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (63 of 1986);
  - (b) "appropriate authority" means, -
    - (i) an officer not below the rank of an Under Secretary in the Ministry of Steel;
    - (ii) General Managers, District Industries Centers of State Governments;
    - (iii) Directors or Commissioners of Industries of the State Governments or Union territories; and
    - (iv) an officer nominated by the Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards;
  - (c) "dealer", in relation to stainless steel products, means a person who, or a firm or a Hindu undivided family or a company or a co-operative society, which carries on, directly or otherwise, the business of buying, selling, supplying or distributing stainless steel products whether in cash or for deferred payment or for commission, remuneration or other valuable consideration;

- (d) "manufacturer", in relation to stainless steel products, means a person who or a firm or a Hindu undivided family or a company or a co-operative society, which produces, makes, assembles or manufactures stainless steel products and includes a person who, or a firm or Hindu undivided family or a company or a co-operative society which claims such stainless steel products to be produced, made, assembled or manufactured by such person or firm or Hindu undivided family or a company or a co-operative society, as the case may be;
- (e) "Schedule" means the Schedule annexed to this Order;
- (f) "specified standard", in relation to stainless steel products means the Indian Standard as specified in the entries in column (2) of the Schedule;
- (g) "State Government" in relation to a Union territory, means the Administrator thereof;
- (h) "stainless steel products" mean the items specified in column (3) of the Schedule as covered in the specified Indian Standards in column (2);
- (i) words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. **Prohibition regarding manufacture, storage, sale, distribution etc.-**

(1) No person shall by himself or through any person on his behalf manufacture or store for sale, sell or distribute any stainless steel product specified in the Schedule, which do not conform to the specified standards and do not bear Standard Mark of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on obtaining certification marks licence from BIS.

Provided that nothing in this Order shall apply in relation to export of stainless steel products required for export, which conform to any other specification required by the foreign buyer.

(2) The sub-standard or defective stainless steel products, which do not conform to the specified standard, shall be disposed off as scrap as per the scheme of testing and inspection of the Bureau of Indian Standards.



**4. Obligation for certification.-**

- (1) All manufacturers of stainless steel products shall make an application to the Bureau of Indian Standards for obtaining the licence and to maintain it thereafter for use the Standard Mark of BIS, if not already obtained.
- (2) The grant of licence by the Bureau of Indian Standards for use of the Standard Mark shall be as per the provisions of the Act and rules and regulations made there under.
- (3) When any person by himself or through any person on his behalf proposes to manufacture stainless steel products, he shall commence regular production only after obtaining a valid licence from Bureau of Indian Standards for the use of the Standard Mark.

**5. Power to call for information, etc.-** (1) The appropriate authority may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order,-

- (a) require any person engaged in the manufacture, storage for sale, sale or distribution of any stainless steel product to give such information as he deems necessary relating to the manufacture, storage for sale, sale or distribution of any stainless steel product for the implementation of this Order or require any such person to furnish to him samples of any such stainless steel products;
  - (b) inspect or cause to be inspected any books or other documents and other stainless steel products kept by or belonging to or in the possession or under the control of any person engaged in the manufacture, storage for sale, sale or distribution of any stainless steel product.
  - (c) enter and search any premises and seize any stainless steel product in respect of which it has reason to believe that a contravention of this Order has been committed or the said stainless steel product is not of the specified Standard;
- (2) The provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) relating to search and seizure shall, so far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this Order.

6. **Testing of samples.-** Samples of any stainless steel product bearing the Standard Mark and drawn by the appropriate authority, for ascertaining whether they conform to the specified standard, shall be tested in the laboratory approved by the Bureau of Indian Standards and as specified in the relevant Indian Standard.
7. **Power to issue direction to manufactures and dealers. -** The appropriate authority may issue such directions to manufacturers and dealers, consistent with the provisions of the Act or this Order, as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Order.
8. **Compliance of directions.-** Every person engaged in the manufacture, storage for sale, sale or distribution of any stainless steel product specified in the Schedule to whom any direction is issued under this Order, shall comply with such direction.
9. **Obligation to furnish information. –** No manufacturer or dealer shall with intent to evade the provisions of this Order, refuse to give any information lawfully demanded from him under paragraph 5 or conceal, destroy, mutilate or deface any books or documents or any stainless steel product kept by, or in the possession or control of, such person.

Schedule  
[See paragraph 2(e)]

List of steel products under mandatory Bureau of Indian Standards certification

S. No.	IS No.	Title
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	IS 5522	Stainless steel sheets and strips for utensils
2.	IS 15997	Low Nickel austenitic stainless steel sheet and strip for utensils and kitchen appliances – Specification
3.	IS 6911	Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet and Strip - Specification

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