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Government of India
Department of Electronics and Information Technology

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SUBJECT: Clarifications on compliance to the "Electronics and IT Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012"

Whereas Govt. of India, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), has mandated Compulsory Registration for 15 electronic items vide "Electronics and IT Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012" issued vide No. 8(14)/2006-IPHW (Vol III) dated 07.09.2012 and notified in the Gazette of India vide SO 2357 (E) dated 03.10.2012 (hereinafter called the "said order"), the following clarifications are hereby issued for implementation of the said Order -

1. Completely faulty units of the notified items sent abroad under provisions of special customs rules and brought back after repairs, shall be treated as exempted from the application of said order.
2. Unless modified specifically by the provisions of said order, goods in a limited quantity (of five numbers) per model manufactured / imported for the purpose of demonstration / development / testing shall stand exempted from the application of said order.
3. Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE) as per the criteria given below shall stand exempted from the application of said Order provided they are manufactured / imported in less than 100 units per model per year-
 - a. Equipment Powered by Three phase power supply or
 - b. Equipment Powered by Single phase power supply with a current rating exceeding 16 Amperes or
 - c. Equipment with dimensions exceeding 1.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m or
 - d. Equipment with weight exceeding 80 Kg.

4. For the purpose of series approval of the products, the manufacturer shall prepare and define the series in accordance with the guidelines issued by DeitY from time to time and approach any of the Bureau of India Standards (BIS) recognized labs for validation. The report of the representative sample then prepared by the lab shall define the series covered. Alternatively, the series may be explained on the manufacturer's letter head based on the lab test report and validated by any BIS recognized lab and endorsement to the same made by the lab on the document of the manufacturer. The onus of defending the series with BIS shall lie jointly with the manufacturer and the testing lab.

Dispute, if any, shall be resolved by the Appropriate Authority

After the grant of registration number, subsequent addition to the series shall require manufacturer to justify the coverage of new model in the existing series on his letter head, getting this endorsed from any BIS recognized lab and submitting the same to BIS for acceptance and inclusion in the existing series.

BIS, at its discretion, may require new model to be exclusively tested.

5. Until further orders, safety critical components will be accepted based on their –
 - a. Compliance to relevant Indian Standard / IEC standard based on testing, or
 - b. Certification / Testing by any NCB / Test Lab under IECEE - CB scheme or IEC 17025 accredited laboratory, or
 - c. Testing for suitability for applicability within the scope of equipment performed by the BIS Recognized Lab for the Product Standard. (This may be done as a part of equipment testing.)

6. If any safety critical changes are implemented in the registered product, the changes shall be communicated by the registered manufacturer to BIS. Manufacturer may, if he so wish, get this endorsed from any BIS recognized test lab. Repeat testing, if asked for, shall be carried out by the manufacturer.

7. To provide clarity to the coverage of specific products under the scope of this order, it is stated that –
 - a. The term “Telephone Answering machine” at Sl. No. 10 of the schedule to the said order does not include EPABXs, PABXs, Fax machines or Voice over IP devices.
 - b. PA Amplifiers with MP3 Playback facility are covered under Electronic Musical System at Sl. No. 11 of the schedule to the said order.
 - c. Barcode Printers, when sold as stand-alone product would be covered at Srl. No. 7 of the schedule to the said order.
 - d. Barcode readers, Barcode scanners, Iris scanners and Optical fingerprint scanners, when sold as stand-alone product would be covered at Srl. No. 8 of the schedule to the said order.

This circular shall apply with immediate effect.



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