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- **October 1, 2026:** the order comes into force and applies to every firm but small and micro enterprises (clause 1(4); the Table, column 5).
- **January 1, 2027:** small enterprises must conform (the Table, column 6).
- **February 23, 2027:** BIS ends the side-by-side running of IS 302 (Part 1) in its 2008 and 2024 versions (BIS circular of January 21, 2026).
- **About the end of March 2027, by our count:** six months of selling declared stock, counted from the general date, run out (clause 2, fourth proviso).
- **April 1, 2027:** micro enterprises must conform (the Table, column 7).

Our tracker page for the order lists all three orders and their PDFs. Our insight of April 2026, Electrical appliances need the BIS mark from October 1, 2026, reported the 2026 order when it came out.

The electrical appliances order on our QCO tracker →

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What is the Safety of Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2026?

The Safety of Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2026 is a QCO under section 16 of the BIS Act, 2016. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) issued it on April 6, 2026. It makes a BIS licence compulsory for household, commercial and similar electrical appliances.

The order covers every electrical appliance meant for household, commercial or similar use with a rated voltage up to 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for others. That includes appliances run on direct current and on batteries (clause 1(2)).

The goods must meet IS 302 (Part 1): 2024 and carry the Standard Mark under a BIS licence under Scheme I of the BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 (clause 2). The order applies the latest version of the standard (the note to the Table).

BIS certifies and enforces the order (clause 3), and a breach is punishable under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (clause 4). Nidhi Kesarwani, Joint Secretary, signed it on file P-29026/36/2023-LEI.

Why is the electrical appliances QCO called a horizontal QCO?

The electrical appliances QCO is called horizontal because one general standard, IS 302 (Part 1): 2024, covers a whole class of appliances. Product QCOs name their products and a standard for each. The order itself never uses the word: its Table has one entry for all appliances, then lists 90 types under it.

The Table lists IS 302 (Part 1): 2024 together with IEC 60335-1: 2020, a standard of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). Its title is the general safety requirements for household and similar electrical appliances.

A product QCO works the other way. The order for domestic clothes washing machines, for example, names its own Part 2 section, IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 7) (BIS circular of December 16, 2024,

Annexure I).

Every type on the list shares the same standard and the same three dates. So a maker of a coffee maker, a sauna heater or a personal e-transporter follows one set of rules.

Which appliances does the electrical appliances QCO cover?

The electrical appliances QCO lists 90 appliance types, from vacuum cleaners and food processors to sauna heaters and battery-operated air purifiers. All 90 share one standard, IS 302 (Part 1): 2024. For thirty-nine of them, BIS also lists a Part 2 section with requirements for that appliance.

The 90 appliance types in the Table of S.O. 1739(E), each under IS 302 (Part 1): 2024, with the Part 2 section BIS lists for guidance

Appliance, as the order names it	Part 2 section BIS lists	On the list since
Vacuum Cleaners and Water Suction Cleaning Appliances	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 2)	The 2024 order
Spin Extractors	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 4)	The 2024 order
Cooking Ranges, Hobs, Ovens and Similar Appliances	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 6)	The 2024 order
Electrical Shavers Hair, Clippers and Similar Appliances	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 8)	The 2024 order
Tumbler Dryers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 11)	The 2024 order
Warming Plates and Similar Appliances	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 12)	The 2024 order
Frying Pans, Deep Fat Fryers and similar appliances	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 13)	The 2024 order
Appliances for Heating Liquids	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 15)	The 2024 order
Massage Appliances	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 32)	The 2024 order
Electric Forced Convection Ovens, Steam Cookers and Steam-Convection Ovens	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order

Electric Heating Tools	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 45)	The 2024 order
Electric Steam Cookers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 15)	The 2024 order
Insect Killers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 59)	The 2024 order
Electric Call Bells and Buzzers for Indoor Use	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 203)	The 2024 order
Electric Water Boilers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 204)	The 2024 order
Electric Coffee Makers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 206)	The 2024 order
Electric Bean Slicers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Berry-juice Extractors	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Can Openers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Centrifugal Juicers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Churns	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Citrus-fruit Squeezers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Coffee Mills not exceeding 500g hopper capacity	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Cream Whippers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Egg Beaters	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Food Processors	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Grain Grinders not exceeding 3l hopper capacity	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Graters	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Ice-Cream Machines, including those for use in refrigerators and freezers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Knife Sharpeners	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order

Electric Knives	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Noodle Makers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Potato Peelers	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Shredders	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Sieving Machines	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Slicing Machines	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 14)	The 2024 order
Electric Hot Plates	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 9), which BIS titles Section 207	The 2024 order
Single Walled Baking Ovens	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 208)	The 2024 order
Low Speed Food Grinding Machines	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 209)	The 2024 order
Dishwashers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Floor Treatment Machines and Wet Scrubbing Machines	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Food Waste Disposers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Blankets, Pads, Clothing and Similar Flexible Heating Appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Appliances for Skin Exposure to Optical Radiation	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Cooking Ranges, Ovens, Hobs and Hob Elements	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Doughnut Fryers and Deep Fat Fryers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Griddles and Griddle Grills	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Multi-purpose Cooking Pans	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Forced Convection Ovens, Steam Cookers and Steam-Convection Ovens	IS 302 (Part 2/Sec 42)	The 2024 order
Clothes Dryers and Towel Rails	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order

Commercial Electric Boiling Pans	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Grillers and Toasters	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Appliances for keeping Food and Crockery Warm	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Bains-Marie	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Oral Hygiene Appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Sauna Heating Appliances and Infrared Cabins	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Surface-Cleaning Appliances for Household use Employing Liquids or Steam	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Electrical Appliances for use with Aquariums and Garden Ponds	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Dishwashing Machines	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Whirlpool Baths and Whirlpool Spas	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Thermal Storage Room Heaters	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Rinsing Sinks	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Kitchen Machines	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Air-Cleaning Appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Water-Bed Heaters	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Fixed Immersion Heaters	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Outdoor Barbecues	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Foot Warmers and Heating Mats	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Amusement Machines and Personal Service Machines	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Toilet Appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order

Fabric Steamers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Drives for Vertically Moving Garage Doors for Residential Use	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Humidifiers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Electric Hoods	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Vaporizers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Gas, Oil and Solid-Fuel Burning Appliances Having Electrical Connections	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Electrolysers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Beauty Care Appliances Incorporating Lasers and Intense Light Sources	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Personal-e-Transporters	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Skin Beauty Care Appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Furniture with Electrically Motorized Parts	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Commercial Vacuum Packaging Appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
Hand held electric Engraving Tools	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2024 order
DC supplied/ battery-operated vacuum cleaners	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2025 order
DC supplied/ battery-operated shavers, trimmers, clippers and similar appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2025 order
DC supplied/ battery-operated Massage appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2025 order
DC supplied/ battery-operated blenders, juicers	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2025 order
DC supplied/ battery-operated toothbrush and other oral hygiene appliances	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2025 order
DC supplied/ battery-operated foot warmer and heating mats	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2025 order
DC supplied/ battery-operated air purifier	None listed: Part 1 alone	The 2025 order

The names are the order's own. The Part 2 column comes from Annexure II of BIS's circular of December 16, 2024, given "for information and guidance only" for the 2024 list. Where BIS lists no section, it grants the licence on Part 1 and the IEC standards Part 1 refers to (paragraph 6(e)).

BIS numbers the hot plates entry Section 9 but titles it Section 207, electric hot plates. It also puts electric steam cookers under Section 15, appliances for heating liquids. Check the section with BIS before testing.

The order gives no HS codes, the codes India classifies traded goods under. Whether a product is on the list depends on what it is, not on its code.

How has the electrical appliances QCO changed since 2024?

The electrical appliances QCO is the third order of its kind. S.O. 4098(E) of September 2024 listed 85 types up to 415 V three-phase. S.O. 2232(E) of May 2025 raised the limit to 480 V and listed 90. S.O. 1739(E) of April 2026 kept the 90 and moved the dates to October 1, 2026.

The three orders, each superseding the one before

Order	Voltage and standard	List	Dates: general, small, micro
S.O. 4098(E), Gazette of September 20, 2024	Up to 250 V single-phase or 415 V three-phase alternating current; IS 302 (Part 1): 2008	An illustrative list of 85 types	Six, nine and twelve months from publication
S.O. 2232(E), May 19, 2025	Up to 250 V single-phase or 480 V for others, direct current and battery appliances included; IS 302 (Part 1): 2024	An illustrative list of 90 types	March 19, 2026; June 19, 2026; September 19, 2026
S.O. 1739(E), April 6, 2026	The same as the 2025 order	The same 90 types, as the "Following list"	October 1, 2026; January 1, 2027; April 1, 2027

The 2025 list dropped electric fence energizers and electric hand lamps from the 2024 list. It added seven DC supplied or battery-operated types: vacuum cleaners, shavers and clippers, massage appliances, blenders and juicers, toothbrushes, foot warmers and air purifiers.

Each order kept what was done under the one it replaced (the preamble of S.O. 1739(E)).

What does the electrical appliances QCO leave out?

The electrical appliances QCO leaves out appliances under any other QCO, or under another Act's compulsory BIS certification (clause 1(3)). Goods made in India for export, 200 imports a year for a maker's research, and declared old stock for six months are also outside it. So are appliances above 250 V single-phase or 480 V otherwise.

- **Other orders.** An appliance under another QCO, or notified for compulsory BIS certification under another Act, isn't covered (clause 1(3)).
- **Exports.** Goods made in India for export are outside the order (clause 2, first proviso).
- **Research and development.** Makers of household and similar appliances may import 200 goods a year for research and development. They can't sell them, may scrap them, and keep a yearly record for the government (third proviso).
- **Old stock.** A maker certified by BIS, or one that has applied, may sell declared stock made or imported before the date for six months after it, once it declares the stock to BIS (fourth proviso).
- **Higher voltage.** The order reaches nothing above 250 V single-phase or 480 V for other appliances (clause 1(2)).

Which order governs when a product QCO also covers the appliance?

The product QCO governs. Clause 1(3) says the electrical appliances QCO doesn't apply to an appliance under any other QCO, or notified for compulsory BIS certification under another Act. BIS listed 23 such appliances for the 2024 order, from irons and room heaters to fans, washing machines and microwave ovens.

Appliances already under another order, as BIS listed them for the 2024 order (circular of December 16, 2024,

Annexure I)

Appliance	Standard	Order, as BIS names it	BIS scheme and our page
Domestic electric food mixers (liquidizers and grinders) and centrifugal juicers	IS 4250: 1980	Kitchen Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2018	Scheme I, Tracker page
Electric ceiling type fans	IS 374: 2019	Electric Ceiling Type Fans (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Electric immersion water heaters	IS 368: 2014	Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Stationary storage type electric water heaters	IS 2082: 2018	Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Electric irons	IS 302-2-3: 2007	Electrical Wires, Cables, Appliances and Protection Devices and Accessories (Quality Control) Order, 2003	Scheme I, Tracker page
Electric immersion water heaters	IS 302-2-201: 2008	Electrical Wires, Cables, Appliances and Protection Devices and Accessories (Quality Control) Order, 2003	Scheme I, Tracker page
Electric stoves	IS 302-2-202: 1992	Electrical Wires, Cables, Appliances and Protection Devices and Accessories (Quality Control) Order, 2003	Scheme I, Tracker page
Room heaters	IS 302-2-30: 2007	Electrical Wires, Cables, Appliances and Protection Devices and Accessories (Quality Control) Order, 2003	Scheme I, Tracker page
Hand-held blenders	IS 302-2-14: 2009	Kitchen Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2018	Scheme I, Tracker page
Toasters, grills, roasters and similar appliances	IS 302-2-9: 2009	Electrical Appliances for Kitchen (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Range hoods	IS 302-2-31: 2009	Electrical Appliances for Kitchen (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Appliances for skin and hair care	IS 302-2-23: 2009	Electrical Appliances for Skin or Hair care (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Fans	IS 302-2-80: 2017	Electrical appliance fans (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Appliances for commercial dispensing and vending	IS 302-2-75: 2018	Electrical appliance for commercial dispensing and vending (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Appliances for domestic clothes washing	IS 302-2-7: 2010	Electrical appliance for domestic clothes washing (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Stationary storage type electric water heaters	IS 302-2-21: 2018	Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page
Electric instantaneous water heaters	IS 302-2-35: 2017	Electrical Appliances for domestic water heating (Quality Control) Order, 2023	Scheme I, Tracker page

Electric fence energizers	IS 302-2-76: 1999	Electric Fence Energizers (Quality Control) Order, 2024	Scheme I, Tracker page
Microwave ovens	IS 302-2-25: 2014	Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021	Scheme II, MeitY tracker
Electronic clocks with mains power	IS 302-2-26: 2014	Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021	Scheme II, MeitY tracker
Adapters for household and similar electrical appliances	IS 302-1: 2008	Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021	Scheme II, MeitY tracker
Induction stoves	IS 302-2-6: 2009	Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021	Scheme II, MeitY tracker
Rice cookers	IS 302-2-15: 2009	Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021	Scheme II, MeitY tracker

BIS wrote this list for the 2024 order. The 2026 order keeps the same rule in clause 1(3), and our files hold no newer list. So check each product against the other orders' own scope first.

The last five are under the electronics and information technology goods registration order of 2021, certified under Scheme II. Our QCO tracker carries the product orders above.

When must small and micro enterprises meet the electrical appliances QCO?

Small enterprises must meet the electrical appliances QCO from January 1, 2027, and micro enterprises from April 1, 2027. Small and micro are as the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 defines them. Medium and larger firms have followed the order since October 1, 2026.

The order sets the later dates in columns 6 and 7 of its Table, under its second proviso. They cover the same 90 types and the same standard.

The order doesn't say whether the six months for declared stock run from the general date or from a small or micro firm's own date. We count from the general date above, and list the point under open questions.

Which version of IS 302 (Part 1) does the electrical appliances QCO need?

The electrical appliances QCO names IS 302 (Part 1): 2024 and applies the latest version. BIS let the 2008 version run beside it until February 23, 2026, then extended that to February 23, 2027. After that, BIS grants no licence under the 2008 version.

The 2024 version is the seventh revision of the general requirements. Its changes include battery-operated appliances, the 480 V limit and new tests (BIS circular of December 16, 2024, paragraph 4 and Annexure III).

The January 21, 2026 circular also extends eight Part 2 sections to February 23, 2027. They include irons, shavers, fryers, storage water heaters, insect killers and steam cookers.

A licensee under the 2008 version changes over with test reports from BIS-recognized third-party laboratories for the changed and added tests (paragraphs 9 and 13(d)). Components show conformity under clause 24 by a supplier's test certificate or a third-party report (paragraph 13(c)).

How do you get the BIS licence for an appliance under the electrical appliances QCO?

Apply to BIS for a Scheme I licence in Form-V for the factory, with the models and their details. BIS visits the factory, draws samples for a third-party laboratory, and grants the licence once the appliance meets IS 302 (Part 1) and any Part 2 section for it.

1. Check the scope

Confirm the appliance is within 250 V single-phase or 480 V and isn't under another QCO (clauses 1(2) and 1(3)).

2. Find the Part 2 section

Look the appliance up in BIS's Annexure II list. With no section, BIS uses Part 1 and the IEC standards it refers to (paragraph 6(e)).

3. Declare the models

Declare each model with its class, rating and supply. BIS may accept a group of models tested through representative ones (paragraph 11).

4. Apply in Form-V

File the application with a self-evaluation cum verification report (Scheme-I guidelines, paragraph 2).

5. The factory visit

BIS assesses the infrastructure, production, quality control and testing, and draws samples for a third-party laboratory (paragraphs 1(a) and 3(c)).

6. The licence

BIS grants the licence once the appliance meets Part 1 and the relevant Part 2 clause (circular of December 16, 2024, paragraph 6(d)).

The steps follow BIS's Scheme-I grant of licence guidelines of February 25, 2026. BIS revised the product manual for IS 302 (Part 1): 2024 on February 10, 2026, changing the sample quantity, the grouping rules and the scheme of inspection and testing.

The visit normally takes one day for an Indian maker and two for a foreign maker (paragraph 5(a)). BIS sets its own fees and timelines, and this page states neither.

What must makers, importers, brands and sellers do under the electrical appliances QCO?

Makers in India and abroad must hold a BIS licence for the factory that makes each covered appliance, and mark it. Importers, distributors and sellers may not import, sell, store or display a covered appliance without the Standard Mark under a valid licence, under section 17 of the BIS Act.

Makers in India

- Hold a Scheme I licence and mark each covered appliance (clause 2).
- Follow the general date, or the small or micro date if the firm qualifies (the Table, columns 5 to 7).
- Goods made for export are outside the order (first proviso).

- Declare stock made before the date to BIS to sell it for six months after (fourth proviso).

Foreign makers

- Hold the same Scheme I licence for the factory abroad. Every foreign application goes through the factory visit route (Scheme-I guidelines, paragraph 3(f)).
- Expect a visit of two days, and follow BIS's guidelines for foreign manufacturers (paragraphs 5(a) and 13).

Importers and brands

- Import only appliances that carry the Standard Mark under a valid licence (BIS Act, section 17(1)).
- The order and BIS's guidelines speak of manufacturers and their factories, not brand owners. A brand's appliances need a licence for the factory that makes them (Scheme-I guidelines, paragraph 1(a)).
- Makers of household appliances may import 200 goods a year for research and development, unsold (third proviso).

Distributors and retailers

- Distribute, sell, hire, lease, store or display for sale only marked appliances (section 17(1)).
- A certified maker's declared stock may be sold for six months after the date (fourth proviso).

The penalty

A breach of section 17 is punishable with up to two years in prison, a fine, or both (section 29(3)). The fine is at least ₹2 lakh for a first breach and ₹5 lakh after, up to ten times the value of the goods.

Does the Transition Facilitation Order cover the electrical appliances QCO?

Yes. The Transition Facilitation Order, S.O. 3417(E), lists the electrical appliances QCO as item 10 of its Schedule. A company DPIIT permits may buy covered appliances from a maker with a BIS Scheme II licence, instead of Scheme I. The appliances must still meet IS 302 (Part 1).

The route is for a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 with DPIIT's specific permission, and the Scheme II licence serves supplies to that company only (clauses 3(2) and 4(1)). Everyone else needs the Scheme I licence.

DPIIT takes applications to about late June 2028, by our count (clause 5(1)). One basis for permission is three years of QCO compliance (clause 4(4)). Counted from October 1, 2026, three years end about October 2029, after applications close, so applicants here rely on a commitment to build supply chains in India instead.

The Transition Facilitation Order: who can apply, Scheme II and the ten QCOs →

What does the electrical appliances QCO leave open?

The electrical appliances QCO leaves five points open: whether its list of 90 is closed, which appliances other orders now hold, how the 2008 version of IS 302 (Part 1) fits until February 2027, when the stock window runs for small firms, and whether Part 2 sections bind.

- **A closed list?** Clause 1(2) covers all appliances within the limits. The 2024 and 2025 lists were "illustrative", but the 2026 order calls its list the "Following list", and no text says whether it's closed.
- **Other orders today.** BIS's list of appliances under other orders was written for the 2024 order. No list for the 2026 order is in our files.
- **The 2008 version.** BIS lets it run until February 23, 2027, while the order names the 2024 version. Neither text says how the two meet.
- **Stock for small firms.** The six months run from the date of implementation, and the Table gives three. The order doesn't say which applies to a small or micro maker's stock.
- **Part 2 sections.** The order names only Part 1. BIS applies a relevant Part 2 clause when it grants a licence, and gives its list of sections for guidance only.

How IndusDesk helps with the electrical appliances QCO

IndusDesk's government affairs work covers representations and filings with ministries and authorities, each on record in your workspace. Whether BIS grants a licence is its decision, so we never promise one.

We watch the authorities, tell you what each change means for your products and plans, represent you while a decision is still open, and carry the work through, with every step on record in your workspace.

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Frequently asked questions

Does the electrical appliances QCO cover battery-operated appliances?

Yes. Clause 1(2) includes appliances supplied with direct current and battery-operated appliances. The list names seven DC supplied or battery-operated types, from vacuum cleaners to air purifiers.

Does a refrigerator or an air conditioner fall under the electrical appliances QCO?

Not if another QCO covers it. Clause 1(3) leaves any appliance under another QCO to that order, so check our QCO tracker for a product order first.

Can a seller keep selling unmarked stock after October 1, 2026?

Only declared stock of a maker certified by BIS, or one that has applied. That maker may sell stock made or imported before the date for six months after it, once it declares the stock to BIS.

Are appliances made in India for export covered by the electrical appliances QCO?

No. The first proviso to clause 2 leaves out goods made in India for export.

Who enforces the electrical appliances QCO?

BIS. Clause 3 makes it the certifying and enforcing authority, and a breach is punishable under the BIS Act, 2016.

Does S.O. 1739(E) list HS codes for the 90 appliance types?

No. The order describes each type in words and gives no HS codes. What counts is what the product is.

Sources

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