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The new proviso says the 2024 Order shall not apply, from the commencement of the Amendment Order for a period up to November 30, 2026, to goods or articles imported by a manufacturer for the purpose of manufacturing equipment or product or sub-assemblies or component for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration in India, as per its TABLE. The TABLE has one entry: "Inner Grooved Copper Tubes falling under IS 10773:2025 intended for use in Air conditioner and refrigeration equipment". Its column (2), headed "Period: June 2026 to November 2026", limits the volume to "Not exceeding 50 per cent. of the average quantity of goods or articles imported during the financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26."

A note to the TABLE sets the one other condition. The manufacturer shall maintain a month-wise record of such goods or articles and furnish it to "Government authorities concerned in its letter head signed by its authorized signatory to the Central Government". The Order sets no other condition.

The Order does not say whether the 50 per cent. limit is worked out on each manufacturer's own imports or on all imports of the tubes, and does not say how often the records are furnished. It does not reproduce the proviso it replaces. That third proviso was inserted by S.O. 884(E) of February 19, 2025: up to March 31, 2025, the 2024 Order did not apply to "Wrought Copper Tubes for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Purpose" imported by a manufacturer for manufacturing in India, up to 25% of the total value of goods or articles imported in the Financial Year 2023-24.

The 2024 Order, S.O. 1801(E) dated April 25, 2024, lists "Wrought Copper Tubes for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Purposes" under IS 10773:1995, and its TABLE note applies the latest version of each Indian Standard. The Amendment Order is signed by Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, Joint Secretary, under F. No. P-29026/8/2023-LEI. Its note lists one earlier amendment of the 2024 Order, S.O. 884(E) of February 19, 2025.

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Amends	Paragraph 2 of the Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024 (S.O. 1801(E), April 25, 2024): the third proviso, substituted
Applies to	Goods or articles imported by a manufacturer for the purpose of manufacturing equipment or product or sub-assemblies or component for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration in India
Goods	Inner Grooved Copper Tubes falling under IS 10773:2025 intended for use in Air conditioner and refrigeration equipment
Exempt until	November 30, 2026 (column heading: "Period: June 2026 to November 2026")
Volume limit	Not exceeding 50 per cent. of the average quantity of goods or articles imported during the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26
Records	A month-wise record of such goods or articles, furnished "to Government authorities concerned in its letter head signed by its authorized signatory to the Central Government"
Proviso replaced	Inserted by S.O. 884(E) of February 19, 2025: wrought copper tubes for refrigeration and air-conditioning, up to 25% of the total value imported in 2023-24, until March 31, 2025
Made under	Section 16 read with section 25(3), Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
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Signed by	Sumeet Kumar Jarangal, Joint Secretary

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