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Clause 2 reads: "In the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025, enforcement of IS Number and IS Title at serial numbers 12,13 and 14 and the entries relating thereto shall not be operative for a period of 3 years from date of publication in the gazette." The order does not list the standards itself. In the Table of the 2025 Order, serial number 12 is 18507: 2024, "Drywall Screws – Specification". Serial number 13 is 18508: 2024, "Chipboard Screws – Specification". Serial number 14 is 18509: 2023, "Cross-recessed Countersunk Head Wood Screws – Specification".

The preamble says the order is made "in supersession of the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession". Its short title calls it the "Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026", and clause 2 makes its change "In the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025". Besides a note giving the 2025 Order's Gazette reference, the order has only these two clauses.

The 2025 Order, S.O. 3927(E) of August 27, 2025, was issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade). It superseded the 2024 order. Its Table lists cross recessed screws to fourteen Indian Standards. These must conform to the standard and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau, as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. Its dates of implementation are November 1, 2025 in general, February 1, 2026 for small enterprises and May 1, 2026 for micro enterprises.

The amendment order gives no reason beyond the opinion in its preamble that it is necessary or expedient in public interest. It says nothing about the other eleven entries, serial numbers 1 to 11. It does not say what applies once the 3 years end, and does not give an end date. The 3 years run "from date of publication in the gazette"; the Gazette issue that published it is dated June 22, 2026.

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Takes effect	On the date of its publication in the Official Gazette; the Gazette issue is dated June 22, 2026
Applies to	Serial numbers 12, 13 and 14 of the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025: IS 18507: 2024, IS 18508: 2024 and IS 18509: 2023
Change	Enforcement of those entries "shall not be operative for a period of 3 years from date of publication in the gazette"
Order affected	Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025, S.O. 3927(E), August 27, 2025, issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
Preamble	Made "in supersession of the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025"; titled an Amendment Order
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Signed by	Abhijit Narendra, Jt. Secy.

Entries of the 2025 Order made not operative for 3 years

S. No.	Indian Standard	Title of Indian Standard
12	18507: 2024	Drywall Screws – Specification
13	18508: 2024	Chipboard Screws – Specification
14	18509: 2023	Cross-recessed Countersunk Head Wood Screws – Specification

The order (PDF, 591 KB)

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