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Each order makes two changes to clause 2 of a 2024 QCO dated March 15, 2024. S.O. 3038(E) amends the Footwear made from Leather and other Materials (Quality Control) Order, 2024 (S.O. 1421(E)). S.O. 3037(E) amends the Footwear made from All Rubber and all Polymeric Material and its Components (Quality Control) Order, 2024 (S.O. 1422(E)). The first change moves a date from July 31, 2026 to July 31, 2027, in the third proviso of the leather order and the fifth proviso of the rubber and polymeric order. Neither amendment says what that proviso covers. In both 2024 orders, as substituted by S.O. 3700(E) and S.O. 3701(E) of August 30, 2024, it reads: "the stock of footwear without Bureau of Indian Standards Mark, manufactured or imported prior to the commencement of this Order, shall be permitted to be sold or displayed or offered to be sold for a period upto" that date. Both 2024 orders came into force on August 1, 2024. So footwear without the BIS mark, made or imported before August 1, 2024, may now be sold, displayed or offered for sale up to July 31, 2027.

The second change inserts the same new proviso in both orders, after the third proviso of the leather order and after the fifth of the rubber and polymeric order. It says nothing in the order applies to "the import of goods or articles up to 4500 pairs in a year by manufacturers of leather and footwear products for the purposes of research and development and non-commercial use". The goods must not be sold commercially, must be marked and embossed with the words 'NOT FOR SALE', and must be disposed as scrap. The manufacturer must maintain year-wise records, to be furnished to the Government as and when required. Both orders use the same words, "manufacturers of leather and footwear products", for who may import.

The orders do not say whether the 4,500 pairs is a limit for each manufacturer or for all of them together, or whether the year is a calendar or financial year. They do not say whether the importer needs a BIS licence or must declare the import to the Bureau or to customs, and they do not define research and development or non-commercial use. The new proviso has no end date. The note to each order lists one earlier amendment: S.O. 3700(E) for the leather order and S.O. 3701(E) for the rubber and polymeric order, both of August 30, 2024. The file numbers are F. No.

P-27025/80/2023-Leather (Part-I) for S.O. 3038(E) and F. No. P-27025/80/2023-Leather for S.O. 3037(E). S.O. 3417(E) of June 25, 2026, the Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026, lists both 2024 orders in its Schedule. It allows a Scheme II licence for goods supplied to a company DPIIT permits, and does not change either proviso.

Issued by	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Document	Order S.O. 3038(E), the Footwear made from Leather and other Materials (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026
Twin order	Order S.O. 3037(E), the Footwear made from All Rubber and all Polymeric Material and its Components (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026
Dated	June 12, 2026 (both)
Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), June 12, 2026: No. 2932 (S.O. 3038(E)) and No. 2931 (S.O. 3037(E))
Gazette IDs	CG-DL-E-15062026-273450 (S.O. 3038(E)); CG-DL-E-15062026-273465 (S.O. 3037(E))
Takes effect	On publication in the Official Gazette; both Gazette issues are dated June 12, 2026
Amends	Clause 2 of the Footwear made from Leather and other Materials (Quality Control) Order, 2024 (S.O. 1421(E)) and of the Footwear made from All Rubber and all Polymeric Material and its Components (Quality Control) Order, 2024 (S.O. 1422(E)), both of March 15, 2024
Applies to	Stock of footwear without the BIS mark made or imported before August 1, 2024; imports for research and development by manufacturers of leather and footwear products
Unmarked stock	May be sold, displayed or offered for sale up to July 31, 2027, instead of July 31, 2026
Research and development imports	Up to 4,500 pairs in a year, by manufacturers of leather and footwear products, for research and development and non-commercial use
Conditions	(a) not be sold commercially; (b) be marked and embossed with the words 'NOT FOR SALE'; (c) be disposed as scrap; and the manufacturer shall maintain year-wise records, furnished to the Government as and when required
Later	S.O. 3417(E), June 25, 2026, the Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026: lists both 2024 orders and allows a Scheme II

	licence for goods supplied to a company DPIIT permits; does not change either proviso
Made under	Section 16(1) and (2) read with section 25(3), Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
Signed by	Nidhi Kesarwani, Jt. Secy.
File numbers	F. No. P-27025/80/2023-Leather (Part-I) (S.O. 3038(E)); F. No. P-27025/80/2023-Leather (S.O. 3037(E))

The two amendment orders side by side

	S.O. 3038(E): leather and other materials	S.O. 3037(E): all rubber and all polymeric material
Order amended	Footwear made from Leather and other Materials (Quality Control) Order, 2024, S.O. 1421(E) of March 15, 2024	Footwear made from All Rubber and all Polymeric Material and its Components (Quality Control) Order, 2024, S.O. 1422(E) of March 15, 2024
Gazette	No. 2932, June 12, 2026; CG-DL-E-15062026-273450	No. 2931, June 12, 2026; CG-DL-E-15062026-273465
Proviso whose date moves	Third proviso to clause 2	Fifth proviso to clause 2
Last date to sell unmarked stock	July 31, 2026, now July 31, 2027	July 31, 2026, now July 31, 2027
Stock covered	Footwear without the BIS mark, made or imported before August 1, 2024	Footwear without the BIS mark, made or imported before August 1, 2024
New proviso inserted	After the third proviso	After the fifth proviso
Research and development imports	Up to 4,500 pairs in a year, by manufacturers of leather and footwear products	Up to 4,500 pairs in a year, by manufacturers of leather and footwear products
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Earlier amendment in the note	S.O. 3700(E), August 30, 2024	S.O. 3701(E), August 30, 2024
File number	F. No. P-27025/80/2023-Leather (Part-I)	F. No. P-27025/80/2023-Leather

The order (PDF, 1.1 MB)

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