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The first new proviso covers research and development. The Furniture QCO does not apply to research and development imports by a furniture manufacturer certified by the Bureau, or one that has applied for certification. The limit is two hundred numbers of the goods or articles in column (1) of the Table per financial year. The imported goods must not be sold commercially and must be disposed of as scrap. The manufacturer keeps a year-wise record of them and furnishes it to the Central Government.

The second covers old stock. The Furniture QCO does not apply to goods or articles in column (1) of the Table made in India or imported before the date of implementation. The exemption is for a manufacturer certified by the Bureau, or one that has applied for certification of the relevant goods. That manufacturer may sell, display or offer to sell the declared stock up to twelve months from the date of implementation. It must furnish a self-declaration to that effect to the Bureau. The proviso names only manufacturers. It sets no date by which the self-declaration must reach the Bureau.

The third covers imports for export. The Furniture QCO does not apply to non-BIS-marked goods or articles, or their components or sub-assemblies, imported by a furniture manufacturer in India for the export of furniture. The manufacturer sends the Central Government a self-declaration on its letterhead, signed by its authorized signatory. The self-declaration gives the invoice number and other relevant details of the import consignment. The manufacturer also undertakes that the goods will not be put to any other use or sold in the domestic market. It keeps a record of the imported goods and of its product, for verification or audit by the government authorities concerned.

The amendment does not define the date of implementation. The 2025 Order came into force twelve months after its publication. DPIIT's Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026, S.O. 3417(E) of June 25, 2026, records the Furniture QCO's date of implementation as February 13, 2026. Counted from that date, the twelve months for declared stock run to about mid-February 2027. The amendment does not say whether a later date applies to micro and small enterprises, which the 2025 Order gave eighteen months from its publication. It is signed by Sanjiv, Joint Secretary, under F. No. P-14031/99/2019-CI.

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Amends	Paragraph 2 of the Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025, published as S.O. 801(E) dated February 13, 2025: three provisos inserted after the third proviso
Research and development imports	Up to 200 numbers of goods or articles a financial year, by a furniture manufacturer certified by the Bureau or one that has applied; not sold commercially, disposed of as scrap, and a year-wise record furnished to the Central Government
Declared stock	A manufacturer certified by, or applying to, the Bureau may sell, display or offer to sell declared stock made in India or imported before the date of implementation, up to twelve months from that date, on a self-declaration to the Bureau
Imports for furniture exports	Non-BIS-marked goods or articles, components or sub-assemblies imported by a furniture manufacturer in India for export of furniture, on a self-declaration and an undertaking to the Central Government, with records kept for verification or audit
Date of implementation	Not defined in the amendment; S.O. 3417(E), Schedule item 9, records February 13, 2026 for the Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025
Made under	Section 16, Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
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Signed by	Sanjiv, Joint Secretary

The three provisos S.O. 774(E) inserts in paragraph 2

Proviso	What the order does not apply to	Who may use it	Conditions	How long

First: research and development	Imports of up to 200 numbers of the goods or articles in column (1) of the Table a financial year, for research and development	A furniture manufacturer certified by the Bureau, or one that has applied for certification	Not sold commercially; disposed of as scrap; a year-wise record furnished to the Central Government	Up to 200 numbers each financial year; no end date stated
Second: declared stock	Goods or articles in column (1) of the Table made in India or imported before the date of implementation	A manufacturer certified by the Bureau, or one that has applied for certification of the relevant goods	A self-declaration to the Bureau	Sale, display or offer for sale up to twelve months from the date of implementation
Third: imports for export	Non-BIS-marked goods or articles, or their components or sub-assemblies, imported for the export of furniture	A furniture manufacturer in India	A self-declaration on letterhead, signed by an authorized signatory, to the Central Government with the invoice number and consignment details; an undertaking not to put the goods to other use or sell them in the domestic market; records kept for verification or audit	No end date stated

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