

September 29, 2026

DCPC

Linear alkyl benzene QCO suspended until December 31, 2026

S.O. 5343(E) amends the Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2022 so its Indian Standard does not apply from April 1 to December 31, 2026.

KEY FACTS**AUTHORITY****DCPC****PUBLISHED****September 29, 2026****ISSUED BY**

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
(Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals)

DOCUMENT**Order S.O. 5343(E)**

S. O. 5343(E) IS AN ORDER OF the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals), dated September 29, 2026 and published the same day in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii). It

amends the Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2022, which was published vide S.O. 1648(E) dated April 5, 2022 and last amended vide S.O. 3456(E) dated June 25, 2026. The order is signed by Dr. G. Venkatesh, Joint Secretary.



Linear alkyl benzene QCO suspended until December 31, 2026

DCPC · September 29, 2026

S.O. 5343(E) is an order of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals), dated September 29, 2026 and published the same day in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii). It amends the Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2022, which was published vide S.O. 1648(E) dated April 5, 2022 and last amended vide S.O. 3456(E) dated June 25, 2026. The order is signed by Dr. G. Venkatesh, Joint Secretary.

The order substitutes the proviso to paragraph 2 of the 2022 Order. The new proviso states that, to prevent any disruption of supply chain of the said goods and articles, "the confirmation to such Indian Standard shall not be applicable" for the period from April 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. The period stated begins before the date of the order itself, which is September 29, 2026.

The order records that, in view of the exigencies prevailing globally, the Central Government, in consultation with the Bureau of Indian Standards, has taken cognizance of the supply chain disruption and is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient to suspend the operation of the Order temporarily to ensure the availability of Linear Alkyl Benzene. It is made under section 16 read with sub-section (3) of section 25 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016), after consultation with the Bureau of Indian Standards.

The amendment concerns Linear Alkyl Benzene covered by the 2022 Order. The order does not name the Indian Standard concerned and sets out no further step after December 31, 2026; the substituted proviso covers only the period from April 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. The order's file number is F. No. PC-II 46016/6/2020-Tech.CPC Pt-1.

Issued by	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals)
Document	Order S.O. 5343(E)
Dated	September 29, 2026
Amends	Linear Alkyl Benzene (Quality Control) Order, 2022 (S.O. 1648(E), April 5, 2022)
Change	Proviso to paragraph 2 substituted
Indian Standard not applicable	April 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026
Reason recorded	Supply chain disruption; to ensure availability of Linear Alkyl Benzene

Legal basis	Section 16 read with section 25(3), Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
Last amended before this	S.O. 3456(E), June 25, 2026
Signed by	Dr. G. Venkatesh, Jt. Secy.

[The order](#) (PDF, 644 KB)

Source: [Gazette of India, CG-DL-E-29092026-276598](#).

Checked against the official copy on October 20, 2026.

IndusDesk

hello@indusdesk.com · +91 98917 60000

9th Floor, Hemkunt House, Rajendra Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110008, India

Read online: indusdesk.com/dcpc/insights/linear-alkyl-benzene-qco-suspended-until-december-31-2026/