MINISTRY OF POWER

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Ministry of Power notification S.O. 1738(E) of April 4, 2026 moves mandatory star rating for countertop induction hobs from July 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.

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The notification records that, to improve energy efficiency, induction hobs were brought under the mandatory star rating regime applicable from July 1, 2026. Its only stated reason for the change is the Central Government "being satisfied that the mandatory phase of the induction hobs may be postponed by six months". The amendment is a single substitution. In paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (2), in the heading of Table 3.1 of S.O. 5665(E), "1st July, 2026" is replaced by "1st January, 2027".

S.O. 5665(E) was published in Gazette No. 5477, dated December 8, 2025 (e-Gazette copy CG-DL-E-15122025-268499). It covers countertop induction hobs, "also commercially known as induction cooktops or stoves", used for household and similar purposes and manufactured or imported in India. Each hob carries a label of up to five stars. Table 3.1, headed "Valid from 1st July, 2026 to 31st December, 2028", sets the star rating bands by the hob's energy consumption (Ehob), the energy in Wh used per 1000 g of water load: 1 star for 200 ≥ Ehob > 194, 2 stars for 194 ≥ Ehob > 188, 3 stars for 188 ≥ Ehob > 182, 4 stars for 182 ≥ Ehob > 175 and 5 stars for Ehob ≤ 175. There is no negative tolerance on the bands.

After the amendment, the heading reads "Valid from 1st January, 2027 to 31st December, 2028"; the end date is unchanged. S.O. 1738(E) changes nothing else. The star bands stay as they are, and so do the tests under IS 19014:2022 and the pre-eligibility criteria in S.O. 5665(E): a valid Bureau of Indian Standards certification mark, standby power of no more than 1.1 W under IEC 62301:2011, and thermal efficiency of at least 80%.

The notification sets no date of its own commencement. It does not say what applies to induction hobs made, imported or sold before January 1, 2027, and it gives no reason beyond the one quoted. No later amendment to S.O. 5665(E) was found up to October 28, 2026.

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Applies to	Countertop induction hobs, also known as induction cooktops or stoves, for household and similar purposes, manufactured or imported in India (S.O. 5665(E))
Amends	S.O. 5665(E), December 8, 2025: paragraph 3(2), heading of Table 3.1
Mandatory star rating from	January 1, 2027, instead of July 1, 2026
Table 3.1 valid	January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2028; the end date is unchanged
Star bands (unchanged)	1 star: 200 ≥ Ehob > 194 Wh; 5 stars: Ehob ≤ 175 Wh; no negative tolerance
Reason given	"being satisfied that the mandatory phase of the induction hobs may be postponed by six months"
Takes effect	No date stated
Legal basis	Clause (a) of section 14, Energy Conservation Act, 2001, in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency
Related	S.O. 5665(E), December 8, 2025, Gazette No. 5477 (CG-DL-E-15122025-268499): the star labeling norms for countertop induction hobs
Signed by	Dhiraj Kumar Srivastava, Chief Engineer
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