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HSE are electronic and IT goods that meet the technical criteria specified in Gazette Notification S.O. 1246(E) dated March 10, 2026 and are manufactured or imported in less than 100 units per regulatory model per calendar year from all locations. Asked whether standalone products and products comprising multiple modules that are an integral part of a host product are eligible, the FAQs answer that all product categories notified under the Order are eligible if they meet the HSE criteria. An importer who intends to import more units of a model should seek registration from BIS under the Order.

Applications are submitted online through the ICEGATE portal, before the goods are imported, by any person holding a valid authorization letter issued by the authorized signatory of the brand owner and a valid IEC code. The letter is mandatory and must give the information in Annexure-I. The application must include the authorization letter; a proforma invoice, customs packing list or purchase order for each regulatory model with its quantity, if available; the complete technical datasheet, product catalogue or brochure showing compliance with the HSE criteria; and certification of compliance with international safety standards or a self-declaration from the brand owner.

For calendar year 2026 only, applicants must also state the quantity of the proposed models, if any, already imported in that calendar year before the application is submitted. MeitY may verify the authorization letter with the brand owner, OEM or authorized signatory whenever it considers this necessary. No application fee or processing charge applies. A submitted application cannot be modified: a change in the product, the model or the quantity of a model needs a fresh application. For ICEGATE portal issues, the helpdesk is on toll-free number 1800-3010-1000 and at icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in.

The exemption is valid until the end of the relevant calendar year and cannot be carried forward to the next year, and the exemption letter is valid for imports through all Customs ports in India. In the Annexure-I letter, the brand owner declares that if the cumulative import quantity of any regulatory model reaches or exceeds the prescribed limit of 99 units in a calendar year, it will immediately stop availing the exemption for that model and obtain BIS registration before any further imports.

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Quantity limit	Less than 100 units per regulatory model per calendar year, from all locations
Apply on	ICEGATE portal, before importing the goods
Who may apply	Any person with a valid authorization letter from the brand owner's authorized signatory and a valid IEC code
Fee	No application fee or processing charge
Validity	To the end of the calendar year, for imports through all Customs ports in India

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