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The FAQs say CRO deadlines apply by the date of manufacture for goods made in India and the date of landing in India for goods made overseas. The manufacturer applies for the registration number, which is linked to the manufacturer, product, brand and factory location; each brand and each location is registered separately. Only test reports from BIS recognized labs under the notified Indian Standards are accepted, not a supplier's report. A foreign manufacturer must authorize an Authorized Indian Representative (AIR), who is responsible for all legal implications in India for the products sold under the registration. The CRO applies to finished goods, not to spare parts or components used in making them unless they are notified as independent products, and it does not apply to goods imported for demonstration, research and development or testing.

Coverage under the 'CCTV Camera' category is assessed primarily on a product's functionality, rather than its nomenclature, form factor or mounting arrangement. A camera whose video feed can be accessed or monitored over a network (WiFi/4G/5G/LAN/Bluetooth, etc.) by a defined group of users is covered as a CCTV camera. A standalone recording device, with data retrievable only through physical or local means or a temporary, non-persistent hotspot connection without cloud or remote access, falls for consideration under 'Video/Digital Camera'. The FAQs apply this to dashcams, body-worn cameras, thermal cameras and smart video doorbells. Wearable glasses are registered as audio glasses (wireless headphone and earphone category), smart glasses ('Digital Camera' for photographs only, 'Video Camera' for photographs and videos) or XR glasses, which have an overlay display visible through the lenses (XR Devices category, further identified as AR or MR glasses as applicable).

In answers on the move from IS 13252 (Part 1):2010 to IS/IEC 62368-1:2023, the FAQs give November 1, 2028 as the last date of concurrent running. Until then, mobile phones certified under IS 13252 (Part 1):2010 may be shipped with travel chargers certified under that standard, and a notebook registered under IS 13252 may be manufactured, imported and sold with an adapter certified under IS/IEC 62368-1: Ed-4 2023, with the adapter's registration and model number in the notebook's critical component list. A phone certified under IS/IEC 62368-1:2023 may not be shipped with a charger certified only under IS 13252 (Part 1):2010, and once a licence has migrated to IS 62368, finished products already bearing the BIS Standard Mark under IS

13252 (Part 1):2010 cannot be imported. After November 1, 2028, chargers must comply with IS/IEC 62368-1:2023, and, under the guidelines notified by BIS for implementing IS 62368, licences not migrated to IS 62368 by that date are liable for cancellation and/or deletion of models from the scope of the licence.

Among other answers, all standalone hard disk drives, of any storage capacity, are covered (the answers give no date), but USB flash drives are not covered under the hard disk category. LED lamps with batteries, and lamps with added functions such as communication technologies, sensors, speakers or energy storage, are covered, as IS 16102 (Part 1):2026 includes them. The rated capacity verification under Order No. W-47/14/2024-IPHW (IS 16047: Part 3) applies only to cylindrical and prismatic formats; at present, coin and button cells and batteries are not covered by that order. Desktop computers are exempted, and PABXs, musical instruments, electric kettles, coffee makers and 3D printers used for making molds are not covered.

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Applies to	Goods notified under the Electronics and IT Goods (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021
Deadlines apply by	Date of manufacture for goods made in India; date of landing in India for goods made overseas
'CCTV Camera' category	Any camera whose video feed can be accessed or monitored over a network by a defined group of users, irrespective of its physical form factor, mounting or nomenclature
Wearable glasses	Audio glasses: wireless headphone and earphone category; smart glasses: 'Digital Camera' or 'Video Camera'; XR glasses: XR Devices category
Last date of concurrent running	November 1, 2028, for IS 13252 (Part 1):2010 and IS/IEC 62368-1:2023
Not covered	Spare parts and components used in making finished goods, unless notified as independent products; goods imported for demonstration, research and development or testing
HSE exemption	Not mentioned in these FAQs
Signed by	Saurabh Ranjan (digital signature)

Camera products and the 'CCTV Camera' category (FAQ 85)

Product	Covered under 'CCTV Camera'	Not covered under 'CCTV Camera'
Dashcams	A dashcam with WiFi/4G/5G connectivity providing remote viewing; it must also comply with the ER for Security	A standalone dashcam without remote viewing (data retrievable only through physical/local means or a temporary hotspot connection) falls for consideration under 'Digital/Video Camera'
Body-worn cameras	A body-worn camera providing remote viewing, positioning, playback and/or command functionality over 3G/4G/WiFi/Bluetooth	A standalone body-worn camera without such capability (data retrievable only at rest, through a wired connection) falls for consideration under 'Video Camera'
Thermal cameras	A dual-sensor IP thermal camera with network connectivity (RTSP/ONVIF/Ethernet-PoE, etc.) providing remote viewing; the thermal-sensor nomenclature, by itself, is not a basis for exclusion	Not stated
Smart video doorbells	In substance a WiFi-connected camera in a different form factor, with a predominant video surveillance function; as with video door phones (FAQ 59: a display/monitor, an adapter and a CCTV camera), the camera component is tested as 'CCTV Camera'	Not stated

[The faqs](#) (PDF, 558 KB)

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