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G.S.R. 969(E) amends rule 27(3) of the BIS Rules, 2018: a provisional Indian Standard runs up to two years, plus two, and longer with Central Government approval.

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The notification replaces the proviso to sub-rule (3) of rule 27 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018 with three provisos. A provisional Indian Standard notified under sub-rule (2) is valid for a period up to two years, as the Bureau determines on the recommendations of the sectional committee. The Bureau may, on the recommendations of the sectional committee, extend its validity for a period not exceeding two years. Any further extension may be made only on the recommendations of the sectional committee with the prior approval of the Central Government.

The earlier proviso, as published in 2018, read: "Provided that the provisional Indian standards so notified under sub-rule (2) shall be valid for a period upto two years, as may be determined by the Bureau on the recommendations of the sectional committee, and may be extended by not more than two years." It did not provide for any extension beyond those two years. The new text keeps the first two years and the two-year extension, and adds the route to a further extension.

Rule 27 of the 2018 rules, which this notification does not otherwise change, sets out what a provisional Indian Standard is. Where a proposal relates to a new technology whose technical accuracy cannot be established, the Bureau may have the Division Council prepare a provisional Indian Standard. It is notified without wide circulation after the Chairperson of the Division Council adopts it, and its foreword states why it was prepared, its scope and its period of validity. Rule 27(4) says a provisional Indian Standard shall not be used for the Standard Mark. Before its validity ends, the sectional committee examines it and either establishes it as a regular Indian Standard, with or without changes, or lets it lapse at the end of its validity.

The notification does not set a limit on the length or number of further extensions approved by the Central Government. It does not name any provisional Indian Standard now in force and does not say how it applies to provisional standards already notified. Its note says the 2018 rules were published by G.S.R. 584(E) of June 25, 2018 and lists their earlier amendments: G.S.R. 1090(E) of November 6, 2018, G.S.R. 382(E) of May 29, 2019, G.S.R. 125(E) of February 18, 2020 and G.S.R. 559(E) of September 16, 2020.

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Amends	Rule 27(3) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018 (the proviso is replaced by three provisos)
Legal basis	Section 38, Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
Applies to	Provisional Indian Standards notified under rule 27(2)
First validity	Up to two years, as the Bureau determines on the sectional committee's recommendations
Extension by the Bureau	Not exceeding two years, on the sectional committee's recommendations
Any further extension	Only on the sectional committee's recommendations, with the prior approval of the Central Government
Standard Mark	A provisional Indian Standard shall not be used for the Standard Mark (rule 27(4), unchanged)
Signed by	Richa Misra, Additional Secretary
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Validity of a provisional Indian Standard under rule 27(3)

Stage	Before G.S.R. 969(E)	After G.S.R. 969(E)
First period	Up to two years, as the Bureau determines on the sectional committee's recommendations	Up to two years, as the Bureau determines on the sectional committee's recommendations
Extension	Not more than two years	Not exceeding two years, by the Bureau on the sectional committee's recommendations
Further extension	Not provided for	Only on the sectional committee's recommendations, with the Central Government's prior approval

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