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The December 2025 circular, which cites the PPP-MII Order, 2017 issued by DPIIT Order No. P-45021/2/2017-B.E.-II of June 15, 2017, says goods procured under PPP-MII must comply with all the applicable regulatory requirements of the country, naming the Electronics and IT Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021, Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecom Equipment (MTCTE) and other Quality Control Orders (QCOs). It says supplied items have been found to differ from the models approved under those regulations. It asks procuring agencies to make sure products meet the specifications the supplier claims and the relevant regulatory requirements, and suggests contract terms that allow third-party testing at any stage of procurement or after it, penalty clauses for non-compliance, and reporting of non-compliance to the nodal ministry.

The addendum says how that testing can work. Procuring agencies may use laboratories recognized by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) that have the testing capability needed. The BIS Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) portal lists those labs and what they can test against each Indian Standard. Agencies are also asked to use BIS-recognized Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) labs where they have the facilities. Bid documents may provide for the cost of samples and testing.

Procuring agencies must make sure the samples chosen are properly sealed and sent to the right BIS-recognized lab for testing against the relevant standards. If a product fails the applicable regulatory requirements or specifications, the agency may use the penalty terms of the contract. It must also report the case to the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and to the nodal ministry or department, for action under the relevant QCO or other technical regulation. For suppliers to government, this means that where the contract provides for it, products can be tested at any stage of procurement or after it, and a failure can lead to contract penalties and to action by the nodal ministry or department under the relevant QCO or technical regulation.

All other terms of the December 3, 2025 circular stay the same. Neither document is a Gazette notification, and neither sets a sampling rate, a deadline for testing or a list of products.

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Adds to	Circular No. W/56/2025-IPHW of December 3, 2025, compliance with regulatory requirements in public procurement under PPP-MII
Addressed to	All ministries, departments, PSUs, autonomous bodies and procuring agencies
Labs	BIS-recognized labs listed on the BIS LIMS portal (lims.bis.gov.in), and BIS-recognized STQC labs where facilities exist
Costs	Sample and testing costs may be provided for in bid documents
Samples	Properly sealed and sent to the right BIS-recognized lab
If a product fails	Contract penalties may apply; the case is reported to GeM and the nodal ministry or department for action under the QCO or other technical regulation
Signed by	Saurabh Ranjan, Scientist-E

The addendum (PDF, 1.3 MB)

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