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MNRE notification S.O. 3706(E) keeps SPV inverters above 200 kW on self-certification under the solar Goods Order until December 31, 2026, on conditions.

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In view of limited test facilities and to give more time for compliance, the notification extends the implementation of the Order for SPV inverters (items 4-5) of capacity more than 200 kW until December 31, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier, based on self-certification. The condition is that the manufacturers have valid IEC certificates corresponding to the Indian standards specified in the Order for these items, and test reports from accredited test labs. For item 4 the standards are IS 16221 (Part 2): 2015/IEC 62109-2: 2011 and IS/IEC 61683: 1999. For item 5 they are IS 16221 (Part 2): 2015/IEC 62109-2: 2011, IS 16169: 2019/IEC 62116: 2014 and IS 17980: 2022/IEC 62891:2020.

The notification does not name the two items. In the table of S.O. 492(E), item 4 is "Power inverters for use in photovoltaic power system" and item 5 is "Utility-Interconnected Photovoltaic Inverters". That Order requires the goods in its table to conform to the listed Indian standards and to bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards, and it does not apply to goods meant for export.

The notification says nothing about inverters of 200 kW or less or about the Order's other three products, and it does not say what applies after December 31, 2026. Its paragraph 2 repeats the wording of S.O. 3597(E), with the new end date. It is dated July 3, 2026, after the earlier extension's end date of June 30, 2026, and does not say how it treats the days between. It is signed by Rajesh Kulhari, Joint Secretary, under F. No. 223/140/2017-R and D COORD, the same file number as S.O. 3597(E).

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Order	Solar Systems, Devices and Components Goods Order, 2025 (S.O. 492(E), January 27, 2025)
Applies to	SPV inverters (items 4-5 of the Order) of capacity more than 200 kW
Self-certification until	December 31, 2026, or till further orders, whichever is earlier
Condition	Valid IEC certificates corresponding to the Indian standards specified in the Order for these items, and test reports from accredited test labs
Item 4 standards	IS 16221 (Part 2): 2015/IEC 62109-2: 2011 and IS/IEC 61683: 1999
Item 5 standards	IS 16221 (Part 2): 2015/IEC 62109-2: 2011, IS 16169: 2019/IEC 62116: 2014 and IS 17980: 2022/IEC 62891:2020
Reason given	Limited test facilities and more time for compliance
Previous extension	S.O. 3597(E), published August 5, 2025: up to June 30, 2026, or till further orders, whichever was earlier
File number	F. No. 223/140/2017-R and D COORD
Signed by	Rajesh Kulhari, Joint Secretary

The notification (PDF, 1.5 MB)

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