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The notification recites that S.O. 2204(E), issued under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 16 read with sub-section (3) of section 25 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016, substituted "Standalone Hard Disk Drives" for "USB Type External Hard Disk Drives" at Sl. No. 50 of the Schedule of the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021, for compliance with IS 13252 : Part 1 : 2010. The date of coming into effect of that order was November 5, 2026.

The notification states that the date of implementation of the order notified vide S.O. 2204(E) stands extended to May 1, 2027. It contains no other provision. It does not give a reason for the extension, it does not change the Indian Standard, and it does not say how the entry for USB Type External Hard Disk Drives that S.O. 2204(E) replaced is to be treated before May 1, 2027.

The notification is issued under F. No. W-47/20/2023-IPHW and signed by Asha Nangia, GC & Scientist 'G'. Its note records that the principal Order was published vide S.O. 1248(E) dated March 18, 2021, and lists thirteen later amendments, the first S.O. 1353(E) dated March 25, 2021 and the last S.O. 5190(E) dated September 21, 2026.

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Indian Standard	IS 13252 : Part 1 : 2010
Date before	November 5, 2026, under S.O. 2204(E) dated May 5, 2026

Date of implementation now	May 1, 2027
Reason	Not stated in the notification
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Signed by	Asha Nangia, GC & Scientist 'G'

[The notification](#) (PDF, 1.2 MB)

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