MINISTRY OF STEEL

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S.O. 3300(E) makes enforcement of five Indian Standards in the 2024 steel products QCO not operative: two for 3 years, three up to March 31, 2027.

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The order makes two changes to Schedule 1 of the 2024 Order. Under the first, "enforcement of IS Number and IS Title at serial numbers 23 and 129 and the entries relating thereto shall not be operative for a period of 3 years from date of publication in the gazette." Under the second, enforcement of the IS Number and IS Title at serial numbers 51, 52 and 53 and the entries relating to them shall not be operative for a period up to March 31, 2027, counted, as the order puts it, "from date of publication in the gazette." The Gazette that carries the order is dated June 22, 2026.

The order gives serial numbers only. In Schedule 1 of S.O. 3716(E), serial number 23 is IS 2879: 1998, "Mild steel for metal arc welding electrodes", and serial number 129 is IS 5518: 1996, "Steels for Die Blocks for Drop Forging Specification". Serial numbers 51, 52 and 53 are IS 5522: 2014, "Stainless steel sheets and strips for utensils – Specification"; IS 6911: 2017, "Stainless steel plate, sheet and strip – Specification"; and IS 15997: 2012, "Low Nickel Austenitic Stainless-Steel Sheet and Strip for Utensils and Kitchen Appliances – Specification". An earlier amendment, S.O. 5134(E) of November 20, 2025, made enforcement at other serial numbers not operative and did not renumber Schedule 1.

The order records only that the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient to make it in the public interest; it gives no other reason. It does not say what applies when the periods end. It does not mention Schedule 2 of the 2024 Order. Serial number 2 of that Schedule is stainless steel pipes and tubes, which paragraph 3(4) requires to be made from stainless steel input material specified in Schedule 1, conforming to its Indian Standards and bearing the Standard Mark. The order carries file number F. No. S-20011/33/2025-TECH and is signed by Abhijit Narendra, Joint Secretary. A Ministry of Steel order of October 28, 2026 (file number S-20011/15/2024-TECH-Part(1)), not a Gazette notification, exempts 162 grades of semi-finished stainless steel products under IS 14650, which it calls an intermediate or input material for IS 6911, IS 5522 and IS 15997, from QCO compliance until March 31, 2027, the same end date as the suspension in paragraph 2(b) of S.O. 3300(E).

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Published	Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 3171, June 22, 2026
Amends	Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024 (S.O. 3716(E), August 29, 2024), Schedule 1
Applies to	Schedule 1 serial numbers 23, 51, 52, 53 and 129: IS 2879: 1998, IS 5522: 2014, IS 6911: 2017, IS 15997: 2012 and IS 5518: 1996
Takes effect	On publication in the Official Gazette; the Gazette is dated June 22, 2026
Serial numbers 23 and 129	Enforcement not operative for a period of 3 years from the date of publication in the Gazette
Serial numbers 51, 52 and 53	Enforcement not operative for a period up to March 31, 2027 from the date of publication in the Gazette
Made under	Section 16 read with section 17 and section 25(3), Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
Earlier amendment	S.O. 5134(E), November 20, 2025: other serial numbers; Schedule 1 not renumbered
Signed by	Abhijit Narendra, Jt. Secy.
File number	F. No. S-20011/33/2025-TECH
Related	Ministry of Steel order of October 28, 2026, file number S-20011/15/2024-TECH-Part(1), not a Gazette notification: QCO compliance exemption for 162 grades of semi-finished stainless steel products under IS 14650, an intermediate or input material for IS 6911, IS 5522 and IS 15997, valid until March 31, 2027, the end date of the suspension in paragraph 2(b) of S.O. 3300(E)

The five Schedule 1 entries whose enforcement is not operative

Serial number in Schedule 1	IS number	IS title	Enforcement not operative
23	IS 2879: 1998	Mild steel for metal arc welding electrodes	For a period of 3 years from the date of publication in the Gazette

51	IS 5522: 2014	Stainless steel sheets and strips for utensils – Specification	For a period up to March 31, 2027 from the date of publication in the Gazette
52	IS 6911: 2017	Stainless steel plate, sheet and strip – Specification	For a period up to March 31, 2027 from the date of publication in the Gazette
53	IS 15997: 2012	Low Nickel Austenitic Stainless-Steel Sheet and Strip for Utensils and Kitchen Appliances – Specification	For a period up to March 31, 2027 from the date of publication in the Gazette
129	IS 5518: 1996	Steels for Die Blocks for Drop Forging Specification	For a period of 3 years from the date of publication in the Gazette

The order (PDF, 573 KB)

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