EXEMPTION

MeitY bases the CRO exemption for highly specialized equipment on a specific exemption from June 15, 2026

S.O. 1246(E) rewords paragraph 8 of the CRO so that highly specialized equipment is exempted based on specific exemption issued by MeitY, from June 15, 2026.

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It is 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. It sets out how paragraph 8 of the CRO, the exemption for Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE) inserted by S.O. 2844(E) dated July 1, 2021, shall be read, and the amendment comes into effect from June 15, 2026.

THE CHANGE

Paragraph 8 shall be read as: Exemption for Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE): HSE as per the criteria given below shall stand exempted from application of this Order based on specific exemption issued by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology under Para 2 of Gazette notification S.O. No 1248(E) dated the 18th March, 2021, as amended by S.O. 1929 (E) dated 26th April 2023, provided they are manufactured/ imported in less than 100 units per model per year: a. Equipment Powered by three phase power supply or b. Equipment Powered by single phase power supply with current rating exceeding 16 Ampere or c. Equipment with dimensions exceeding 1.5 m x 0.8 m or d. Equipment with weight exceeding 80 Kg

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As inserted in 2021, paragraph 8 exempted HSE as per four criteria from the application of the Order, provided they are manufactured/imported in less than 100 units per model per year: (a) equipment powered by three phase power supply, (b) equipment powered by single phase power supply with current rating exceeding 16 Ampere, (c) equipment with dimensions exceeding 1.5 m x 0.8 m, or (d) equipment with weight exceeding 80 Kg.

The new paragraph 8 keeps the same four criteria and the same limit of less than 100 units per model per year. It adds that HSE stand exempted from application of the Order based on specific exemption issued by MeitY under Para 2 of S.O. 1248(E) dated March 18, 2021, as amended by S.O. 1929(E) dated April 26, 2023.

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Applies from	June 15, 2026
Conditions	• HSE stand exempted based on specific exemption issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology under Para 2 of S.O. 1248(E) dated March 18, 2021, as amended by S.O. 1929(E) dated April 26, 2023. • The equipment is manufactured/imported in less than 100 units per model per year. • The equipment is one of: (a) Equipment Powered by three phase power supply; (b) Equipment Powered by single phase power supply with current rating exceeding 16 Ampere; (c) Equipment with dimensions exceeding 1.5 m x 0.8 m; or (d) Equipment with weight exceeding 80 Kg.
Applies to	Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE) as per the criteria in paragraph 8 of the CRO, manufactured/imported in less than 100 units per model per year.
Issued under	Sub-section (1) and (2) of section 16 read with sub-section (3) of section 25 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016)
Signed by	ASHA NANGIA, GC & Scientist “G”

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