PRODUCT WIDENED

MeitY widens CRO entry S. No. 50 from USB Type External Hard Disk Drives to Standalone Hard Disk Drives

S.O. 2204(E) widens S. No. 50 of the CRO schedule to Standalone Hard Disk Drives; USB Type External Hard Disk Drives stay under the existing provisions.

THE CENTRAL Government, by notification S.O. 2204(E) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) dated May 5, 2026, amends the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021 (the CRO). 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. The entry at Column 2 of S. No. 50 in the Schedule, USB Type External Hard Disk Drives, is substituted as "Standalone Hard Disk Drives".

THE CHANGE

S. No. 50 of the Schedule, Column 2: Standalone Hard Disk Drives. USB Type External Hard Disk Drives continue to be governed as per the existing notified provisions; for all other standalone HDDs the Order applies with effect from November 5 (no year printed).

KEY FACTS

TYPE
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S.O. 2204(E)

DATED
May 5, 2026

APPLIES FROM
November 5, for standalone HDDs other than USB Type External Hard Disk Drives (the notification prints no year)

REFERENCES

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The requirements for USB Type External Hard Disk Drives continue to be governed as per the existing notified provisions. For all other standalone HDDs, the CRO applies with effect from November 5; the notification prints no year. S.O. 5689(E) dated October 16, 2026 later gives that date as November 5, 2026 and extends it to May 1, 2027.

The notification's table prints IS 13252: Part 1: 2010 (Information technology equipment - safety part 1 general requirements) against S. No. 50, while its operative words substitute Column 2 only. S.O. 4997(E) dated October 29, 2025 had substituted IS/IEC 62368 : Part 1 : 2023 for IS 13252 : Part 1 : 2010 in Column 3 of the Schedule, with concurrent running of the two permitted until November 1, 2028.

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Type	Product widened
Products	Standalone Hard Disk Drives
Before	S. No. 50 of the Schedule, Column 2: USB Type External Hard Disk Drives.
After	S. No. 50 of the Schedule, Column 2: Standalone Hard Disk Drives. USB Type External Hard Disk Drives continue to be governed as per the existing notified provisions; for all other standalone HDDs the Order applies with effect from November 5 (no year printed).
Applies from	November 5, for standalone HDDs other than USB Type External Hard Disk Drives (the notification prints no year)

Conditions	• The requirements for USB Type External Hard Disk Drives continue to be governed as per the existing notified provisions. • For all other standalone HDDs, the provisions of the Order apply with effect from November 5; the notification prints no year.
Applies to	Standalone Hard Disk Drives at S. No. 50 of the Schedule of the CRO: USB Type External Hard Disk Drives under the existing notified provisions, and all other standalone HDDs from November 5 (no year printed).
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, Scientist ‘G’

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