QUALITY CONTROL ORDERS

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KEY FACTS

ORDER
S.O. 801(E) of 2025

IN FORCE SINCE
February 13, 2026

STANDARDS
IS 17631 to IS 17636

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Do furniture materials need their own BIS certification?

Many do, each under its own QCO rather than the furniture QCO. Listed kinds of wood-based boards, plywood, resin treated compressed wood laminates, hinges, telescopic ball bearing drawer slides and cross-recessed screws must carry the ISI mark under a Scheme-I licence from BIS. For three kinds of screw, enforcement is on hold for three years from June 22, 2026.

The furniture QCO lists six products, from work chairs to bunk beds, and no material or part (S.O. 801(E) of 2025, Table).

QCOs on furniture materials, from our QCO tracker

Material	Products in the order	Latest notification on our tracker	Tracker page
Wood Based Boards	5 products, including block boards (IS 1659) and MDF (IS 12406)	S.O. 775(E) and S.O. 776(E), February 13, 2026	Wood based boards QCO
Plywood and Wooden flush door shutters	10 products, including plywood for general purposes (IS 303)	S.O. 775(E) and S.O. 776(E), February 13, 2026	Plywood QCO
Resin Treated Compressed Wood Laminates	3 products: compregs under IS 3513, Parts 1 to 3	S.O. 775(E) and S.O. 776(E), February 13, 2026	Compressed wood laminates QCO
Hinges	9 products, including cabinet hinges (IS 18297)	S.O. 3417(E), June 25, 2026 (transition route)	Hinges QCO
Telescopic Ball Bearing Drawer Slide	1 product, under IS 17954	S.O. 775(E) and S.O. 776(E), February 13, 2026	Drawer slide QCO
Cross Recessed Screws	14 products, including chipboard screws (IS 18508)	S.O. 3298(E), June 22, 2026 (amendment)	Cross recessed screws QCO

The February 13, 2026 entries, S.O. 775(E) and S.O. 776(E), are exemptions, not new requirements. They cover goods shipped or ordered before each order's date of implementation, with a Bill of Entry within 180 days of it (opening paragraph of each). Both list five of these

materials, with dates of implementation from November 7, 2024 to July 1, 2025 (column (4)). By our count, every 180-day window had closed before February 13, 2026.

The Ministry of Steel's S.O. 3298(E), published June 22, 2026, covers items 12 to 14: drywall, chipboard and cross-recessed countersunk head wood screws. Their enforcement "shall not be operative for a period of 3 years from date of publication" (para 2).

BIS's January 2026 product manuals for the six furniture standards name only surface materials in their raw material rule. The fabric, leather or rigid surfaces tested under clause 6 must meet IS 17637 (para 2(a)). Their testing table, marked "for Guidance Only", says a consignment with a test certificate or the ISI mark needs no further test (Table 1, clause 6). See the six furniture standards.

Does upholstered furniture need fire-resistant fabric certification?

For non-domestic furniture, yes. The Ministry of Textiles' S.O. 3916(E) requires upholstered composites used in non-domestic furniture to meet IS 15768 and carry the Standard Mark under a BIS licence. It has applied since September 12, 2024. A maker of upholstered furniture for homes complies by declaring that its products are for domestic use (Note (3)).

- The order also covers upholstered composites or fabric traded as raw material or in rolls, or used to assemble non-domestic furniture (S.O. 3916(E), clause 2(b)). Goods meant for export are outside it (clause 2(a)).
- Makers and importers that assemble non-domestic furniture with upholstered fabric were exempt until March 31, 2025. That exemption has ended (clause 2, proviso).
- What counts as non-domestic furniture comes from IS 15768 itself (Note (2)).
- BIS revised the standard as IS 15768:2025, "Resistance to Ignition of Fire-Resistant Upholstery Fabrics for Use in Public Places". The last date to implement it was April 6, 2026 (BIS circular CMD-2/16:15768, January 12, 2026, para 1). BIS calls the changes "Non-technical in nature & clarification only" (para 4).
- The order applies the latest version (Note (1)), though Notes (2) and (3) still cite the 2008 text.
- BIS's annual minimum marking fee for IS 15768 runs from ₹2,26,000 for a large enterprise to ₹45,200 for a micro one (BIS marking fee list, September 2026, row 493).

The two orders cover different goods: S.O. 801(E) the finished piece, S.O. 3916(E) the upholstered composite in it. In September 2024 the Textiles Ministry said it had asked DPIIT to

bring IS 15768 into the furniture QCOs (PIB release 2054505). None of the furniture orders does so. See the upholstered composites order on our tracker.

Do imported furniture parts need the ISI mark?

The furniture QCO lists no parts, but the furniture you assemble from them needs the ISI mark. Hinges and drawer slides imported loose need the mark under their own orders. The screws order leaves out screws imported inside a finished good or component. S.O. 774(E) frees components imported for furniture exports from the furniture QCO only.

To use the S.O. 774(E) exemption, a furniture maker in India sends the Central Government a signed self-declaration with the invoice details. It undertakes not to put the imported goods to any other use or sell them in India, and keeps records for audit (para 2, third inserted proviso).

The screws order doesn't apply to goods "imported as a part of any finished good or sub-assembly or component" (S.O. 3927(E), para 2, first proviso, item (b)). Item (c) also leaves out goods a manufacturer in India imports to make products for export. The hinges and drawer slide orders have neither clause. Their only export exemption covers goods made in India for export (S.O. 1368(E) and S.O. 1962(E), para 2, first proviso).

For whole pieces, see how to import furniture into India.

Does the transition route cover furniture materials?

Only hinges. The Transition Facilitation Order, S.O. 3417(E), applies to the ten QCOs in its Schedule. The Hinges order is item 8 and the Furniture QCO is item 9. No order on boards, plywood, laminates, drawer slides, screws or upholstered composites is listed, so those materials stay under the Scheme-I licence their own orders require.

With DPIIT permission, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 may buy goods made under a BIS Scheme II licence (S.O. 3417(E), clauses 3 and 4(1)(a)). Item 10 is the household appliances order, S.O. 1739(E), which lists motorized furniture at item 81. See the Transition Facilitation Order for furniture.

Frequently asked questions

Does IS 15768 apply to sofas for homes?

Only through a self-declaration. A maker of sofas for homes declares under IS 15768 that its products are meant for domestic requirements, and S.O. 3916(E) deems that sufficient for compliance (Note (3)).

Is the upholstery order part of the furniture QCO?

No. S.O. 3916(E) is a separate 2024 order of the Ministry of Textiles. The furniture QCO, S.O. 801(E) of 2025, comes from DPIIT and doesn't mention IS 15768.

Where do I check whether a material has a QCO?

Our QCO tracker lists each order with its products, Indian Standards and notifications.

Sources

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- S.O. 3916(E): Protective Textiles Quality Control (Upholstered Composites used for Non-Domestic Furniture) Order, 2024, clauses 1(2), 2 and 3, Notes (1) to (3) (PDF, 1.7 MB)
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- S.O. 776(E): exemption for goods ordered before a QCO's date of implementation (26 orders), opening paragraph and Note 1 (PDF, 724 KB)
- S.O. 3417(E): Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026, clauses 3 and 4 and Schedule, S. No. 8 to 10 (PDF, 746 KB)
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