COPPER PRODUCTS / AMENDED

Quality Control Order for copper rods, bars, strip, tubes, wires and wire rods

The 2024 order covers nine copper products from October 19, 2024, excluding some inner grooved tube imports by manufacturers until November 30, 2026.

COPPER PRODUCTS WERE first brought under the Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2023, issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) as S.O. 4595(E), dated October 17, 2023, and published on October 20, 2023. It covers nine products: copper wire rods, rods and bars, and strip for electrical purposes; copper rods and bars, solid drawn tubes and wires for general engineering purposes; copper and copper alloy tubes for condensers and heat exchangers; copper tubes for plumbing; and wrought copper tubes for refrigeration and air-conditioning.

STANDARDS 9

IS 12444:2020 Copper Wire Rods for Electrical Applications	**IS 613:2000** Copper Rods and Bars for Electrical Purposes	**IS 1897:2008** Copper strip for electrical purposes
IS 4171:1983 Copper rods and bars for general engineering purposes	**IS 1545: 1994** Solid drawn copper and copper alloy tubes for condensers and heat exchangers	**IS 2501: 1995** Solid drawn copper tubes for general engineering purposes
IS 14810:2000 Copper Tubes for plumbing- Specification	**IS 10773:1995** Wrought Copper Tubes for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Purposes	**IS 4412:1981** Copper wires for general engineering purposes

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024

CAME INTO FORCE

The 2023 order (S.O. 4595(E)): on the expiry of six months from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette (published October 20, 2023). The 2024 order (S.O. 1801(E)) that superseded it came into force, save as otherwise provided in it, on the date of its publication, with October 19, 2024 as the date of implementation in general (other than micro and small enterprises).

WHERE IT STANDS

Amended

REFERENCES

S.O. 3503(E)	Amended
S.O. 775(E)	In force
S.O. 776(E)	In force
S.O. 884(E)	Amended
S.O. 1801(E)	In force
S.O. 4595(E)	In force

Quality Control Order for copper rods, bars, strip, tubes, wires and wire rods

Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024 · Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)

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The goods must conform to the corresponding Indian Standard and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards, as per Scheme-1 of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. Goods manufactured domestically for export are excluded. The Bureau is the certifying and enforcing authority.

S.O. 1801(E), dated April 25, 2024, replaced the 2023 order with the Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024, for the same products, with implementation from October 19, 2024, January 19, 2025 for small enterprises and April 19, 2025 for micro enterprises.

S.O. 884(E) of February 19, 2025 excluded imports of wrought copper tubes for refrigeration and air-conditioning by manufacturers, up to 25% of the value imported in 2023-24, until March 31, 2025. Two notifications of February 12, 2026 (S.O. 775(E) and S.O. 776(E)) exempted consignments shipped, or ordered, before October 19, 2024 and entered within one hundred and eighty days of that date, subject to documents being given to the Bureau.

The latest notification in this record, S.O. 3503(E) of June 30, 2026, substituted that proviso: up to November 30, 2026, inner grooved copper tubes under IS 10773:2025 imported by a manufacturer for making air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, products, sub-assemblies or components in India are excluded, up to 50 per cent. of the average quantity imported in 2024–25 and 2025–26.

Order	Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Copper Products
Where it stands	Amended

What it requires	The goods must conform to the corresponding Indian Standard and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards. The latest version of the Indian Standards, including amendments, as notified by the Bureau from time to time, applies.
Certification scheme	Scheme-1 of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018
Came into force	The 2023 order (S.O. 4595(E)): on the expiry of six months from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette (published October 20, 2023). The 2024 order (S.O. 1801(E)) that superseded it came into force, save as otherwise provided in it, on the date of its publication, with October 19, 2024 as the date of implementation in general (other than micro and small enterprises).
Small enterprises	Under the 2024 order, small enterprises from January 19, 2025 and micro enterprises from April 19, 2025. The 2023 order had given small enterprises nine months and micro enterprises twelve months from publication.
Exemptions	• Goods or articles manufactured domestically for export • Up to November 30, 2026, from the commencement of the Copper Products (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026: Inner Grooved Copper Tubes falling under IS 10773:2025 intended for use in Air conditioner and refrigeration equipment, imported by a manufacturer for manufacturing equipment, products, sub-assemblies or components for Air Conditioning and Refrigeration in India, not exceeding 50 per cent. of the average quantity imported during the financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26, with a month-wise record kept and furnished to the Government (S.O. 3503(E)) • Imports in consignments with a bill of lading showing shipment before the date of implementation (October 19, 2024) and a bill of entry on or before one hundred and eighty days after that date, subject to the importer giving the Bureau copies of the bill of lading, bill of entry and supporting documents within seven days of clearance (S.O. 775(E)) • Goods whose purchase order was placed before the date of implementation (October 19, 2024), where the bill of lading and bill of entry are dated on or before one hundred and eighty days from that date, subject to the importer giving the Bureau copies of the purchase order, bill of lading, bill of entry and supporting documents within seven days of clearance (S.O. 776(E)) • Up to March 31, 2025, from the commencement of the Copper Product (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2025: Wrought

Copper Tubes for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Purpose imported by a manufacturer for manufacturing equipment, products, sub-assemblies or components in India, up to 25% of the total value of such goods imported in the Financial Year 2023-24 (S.O. 884(E); this proviso was later substituted by S.O. 3503(E))

Enforcement

The Bureau of Indian Standards is the certifying and enforcing authority. Any person who contravenes the order is punishable under the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

The products and their standards

Product	Indian Standard	Title of the standard
Copper Wire Rods for Electrical Applications	IS 12444:2020	Copper Wire Rods for Electrical Applications
Copper Rods and Bars for Electrical Purposes	IS 613:2000	Copper Rods and Bars for Electrical Purposes
Copper strip for electrical purposes	IS 1897:2008	Copper strip for electrical purposes
Copper rods and bars for general engineering purposes	IS 4171:1983	Copper rods and bars for general engineering purposes
Solid drawn copper and copper alloy tubes for condensers and heat exchangers	IS 1545: 1994	Solid drawn copper and copper alloy tubes for condensers and heat exchangers
Solid drawn copper tubes for general engineering purposes	IS 2501: 1995	Solid drawn copper tubes for general engineering purposes
Copper Tubes for plumbing	IS 14810:2000	Copper Tubes for plumbing- Specification
Wrought Copper Tubes for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Purposes	IS 10773:1995	Wrought Copper Tubes for Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Purposes
Copper wires for general engineering purposes	IS 4412:1981	Copper wires for general engineering purposes

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
June 30, 2026	S.O. 3503(E) PDF, 598 KB · Gazette	Amended	The Copper Products (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026 substituted the third proviso to paragraph 2: up to November 30, 2026, the order does not apply to inner grooved copper tubes under IS 10773:2025 for air conditioner and refrigeration equipment imported by a manufacturer for manufacture in India, up to 50 per cent. of the average quantity imported in the financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26.

February 13, 2026	S.O. 775(E) PDF, 724 KB · Gazette	In force	Dated February 12, 2026 and covering 26 quality control orders, including the Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024 with its implementation date of October 19, 2024, it exempted imports shipped under a bill of lading before the implementation date with a bill of entry on or before one hundred and eighty days after it, on condition that the importer gives the Bureau the documents within seven days of clearance.
February 13, 2026	S.O. 776(E) PDF, 724 KB · Gazette	In force	Dated February 12, 2026 and covering the same 26 quality control orders, it exempted goods whose purchase order was placed before the implementation date, where the bill of lading and bill of entry are dated on or before one hundred and eighty days from that date, on condition that the importer gives the Bureau the purchase order and shipping documents within seven days of clearance.
February 19, 2025	S.O. 884(E) PDF, 2.0 MB · Gazette	Amended	The Copper Product (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2025 inserted a proviso that, up to March 31, 2025, the order does not apply to wrought copper tubes for refrigeration and air-conditioning purpose imported by a manufacturer for manufacturing in India, up to 25% of the total value of such goods imported in the Financial Year 2023-24.
March 25, 2024	S.O. 1801(E) PDF, 1.2 MB · Gazette	In force	Dated April 25, 2024, it issued the Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024 in supersession of the 2023 order, for the same nine products, with implementation from October 19, 2024 in general, January 19, 2025 for small enterprises and April 19, 2025 for micro enterprises.
October 20, 2023	S.O. 4595(E) PDF, 674 KB · Gazette	In force	Dated October 17, 2023, it issued the Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2023, covering nine copper products, to come into force on the expiry of six months from publication, with nine months for small enterprises and twelve months for micro enterprises.

Each notification is linked, as a PDF, in the list above.

Where a notification shows "Gazette", that links the Gazette of India's copy; ours was checked against it on October 20, 2026.

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