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Quality Control Order for cotton bales, rescinded in June 2026

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STANDARDS 1

IS 12171:2019

Cotton Bales- Specification

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Order, 2023

CAME INTO FORCE

As issued, after one hundred and eighty days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette (published March 1, 2023); later substituted with November 27, 2023, then August 27, 2024, then August 27, 2025, then August 27, 2026. The order was rescinded with immediate effect by S.O. 2956(E) of June 9, 2026

WHERE IT STANDS

Amended

REFERENCES

S.O. 2956(E)	Amended
S.O. 2996(E)	Amended
S.O. 3469(E)	Amended
S.O. 3830(E)	Amended
S.O. 3557(E)	Amended
S.O. 948(E)	In force

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Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Order, 2023 · Ministry of Textiles

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The order covered cotton bales. They were to conform to IS 12171:2019, Cotton Bales-Specification, and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards in accordance with Scheme-II of Schedule II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. Goods meant for export that conform to the foreign buyer's specification were excluded. The Bureau and officers not below the rank of General Manager, District Industries Center, were the enforcing authorities.

As issued, the order was to come into force after one hundred and eighty days from publication. Four amendments moved the date: to November 27, 2023 (S.O. 3557(E)), August 27, 2024 (S.O. 3830(E)), August 27, 2025 (S.O. 3469(E)) and August 27, 2026 (S.O. 2996(E)).

By S.O. 2956(E), dated June 9, 2026, the Ministry of Textiles rescinded the order with immediate effect, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before the rescission. The rescission came before the last substituted commencement date of August 27, 2026.

Order	Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Order, 2023
Issued by	Ministry of Textiles
Product group	Textile material
Where it stands	Amended
What it requires	Cotton bales were to conform to IS 12171:2019 and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards in accordance with Scheme-II of Schedule II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The latest version of the standard published by the Bureau was to apply from the date of its publication.
Certification scheme	Scheme-II of Schedule II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018
Came into force	As issued, after one hundred and eighty days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette (published March 1, 2023); later substituted with November 27, 2023, then August 27, 2024, then

	August 27, 2025, then August 27, 2026. The order was rescinded with immediate effect by S.O. 2956(E) of June 9, 2026
Exemptions	Goods or article meant for export which conform to the specification required by the foreign buyer
Enforcement	The Bureau of Indian Standards was the certifying and enforcing authority; in addition, an officer not below the rank of General Manager, District Industries Center in the Department of Industries of the State Government was also an enforcing authority. Any person who contravened the order was punishable in accordance with the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016).

The products and their standards

Product	Indian Standard	Title of the standard
Cotton Bales	IS 12171:2019	Cotton Bales- Specification

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
June 9, 2026	S.O. 2956(E) PDF, 493 KB · Gazette	Amended	Rescinded the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Order, 2023 (S.O. 948(E)) with immediate effect, by an order dated June 9, 2026, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before the rescission.
July 3, 2025	S.O. 2996(E) PDF, 1.9 MB · Gazette	Amended	Amended the order, by an order dated July 3, 2025, to come into force on August 27, 2026.
August 14, 2024	S.O. 3469(E) PDF, 1.5 MB · Gazette	Amended	Amended the order, by an order dated August 13, 2024, to come into force on August 27, 2025.
August 29, 2023	S.O. 3830(E) PDF, 560 KB · Gazette	Amended	Amended the order, by an order dated August 28, 2023, to come into force on August 27, 2024.
August 8, 2023	S.O. 3557(E) PDF, 612 KB · Gazette	Amended	Issued the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2023, dated August 7, 2023, substituting November 27, 2023 as the date on which the order comes into force.
March 1, 2023	S.O. 948(E) PDF, 1.1 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Cotton Bales (Quality Control) Order, 2023, dated February 28, 2023, requiring cotton bales to conform to IS 12171:2019 and bear the Standard Mark, to come into force after one hundred and eighty days from its publication.

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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