FLAME- PRODUCING LIGHTERS / AMENDED

Quality Control Order for flame-producing lighters and utility lighters

Lighters must meet two IS/ISO standards under the 2023 order; a 2026 amendment exempts Udyam firms with up to ₹1 crore investment and ₹5 crore turnover.

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STANDARDS 2

IS/ISO 9994 : 2018

Lighters – Safety Specification

IS/ISO 22702: 2018

Utility Lighters- Safety Specifications

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Flame- Producing Lighters (Quality Control) Order, 2023

CAME INTO FORCE

With effect from six months from the date of notification (the order is dated July 5, 2023 and was published July 6, 2023)

WHERE IT STANDS

Amended

REFERENCES

S.O. 777(E)	Amended
S.O. 4230(E)	Amended
S.O. 2986(E)	In force

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The lighters must conform to those standards and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The order took effect six months from the date of notification, nine months for small enterprises and twelve months for micro enterprises. The Bureau certifies and enforces, and contraventions are punishable under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

As issued, the order did not apply to goods manufactured domestically for export, or to goods made by Udyam-registered enterprises with investment up to twenty five lakhs rupees and turnover up to two crores rupees. S.O. 4230(E), dated September 20, 2024, added an exclusion for declared stock made or imported before commencement, saleable up to six months from the amendment's commencement.

S.O. 777(E), dated February 12, 2026, substituted paragraph 2(2) with an exclusion for Udyam-registered enterprises with investment up to rupees one crore and turnover up to rupees five crore. As printed, it replaces sub-paragraph (2), which held the export exclusion, and leaves sub-paragraph (3) in place.

The 2023 order stands as amended by S.O. 4230(E) and S.O. 777(E).

Order	Flame- Producing Lighters (Quality Control) Order, 2023
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Flame- Producing Lighters
Where it stands	Amended
What it requires	Flame-producing lighters must conform to IS/ISO 9994 : 2018 and IS/ISO 22702: 2018 and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards. The latest version of the standards, including amendments notified by the Bureau from time to time, applies from the date of such notification.

Certification scheme	Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018
Came into force	With effect from six months from the date of notification (the order is dated July 5, 2023 and was published July 6, 2023)
Small enterprises	Small enterprises: nine months from the date of publication of the notification. Micro enterprises: twelve months from the date of publication of the notification. Both as defined under the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006.
Exemptions	• Goods or articles manufactured domestically for export (paragraph 2(2) as issued; S.O. 777(E) of February 12, 2026 substitutes paragraph 2(2) with the provision on Udyam-registered enterprises below) • Goods or articles manufactured domestically by an enterprise registered under the Udyam portal of the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, with investment in plant and machinery or equipment at original cost not exceeding twenty five lakhs rupees and turnover not exceeding two crores rupees for the previous financial year, as certified by a Chartered Accountant (paragraph 2(3)) • Goods or articles domestically manufactured or imported before the date of commencement of the order by a manufacturer certified by the Bureau, a manufacturer that has applied for certification, or the importer; such declared stock may be sold up to six months from the commencement of the 2024 amendment order, subject to a declaration certified by a Chartered Accountant to the Bureau (paragraph 2(4), inserted by S.O. 4230(E)) • Goods or articles manufactured by an enterprise registered under the Udyam Portal of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, with investment in plant and machinery or equipment at original cost not exceeding rupees one crore and turnover not exceeding rupees five crore for the previous financial year, as certified by a Chartered Accountant (substituted for paragraph 2(2) by S.O. 777(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

Flame- Producing Lighters	IS/ISO 9994 : 2018	Lighters – Safety Specification
Flame- Producing Lighters	IS/ISO 22702: 2018	Utility Lighters- Safety Specifications

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
February 13, 2026	S.O. 777(E) PDF, 777 KB · Gazette	Amended	Dated February 12, 2026, amended eight Quality Control Orders. For this order, it substituted paragraph 2(2) with a proviso that the order does not apply to goods manufactured by a Udyam-registered enterprise with investment in plant and machinery or equipment not exceeding rupees one crore and turnover not exceeding rupees five crore for the previous financial year, as certified by a Chartered Accountant.
September 25, 2024	S.O. 4230(E) PDF, 1.7 MB · Gazette	Amended	The Flame- Producing Lighters (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2024, dated September 20, 2024, recast the provisos in paragraph 2(2) and 2(3) as exclusions and inserted paragraph 2(4), which excludes declared stock manufactured or imported before the order's commencement and permits its sale up to six months from the commencement of the amendment order, subject to a declaration certified by a Chartered Accountant.
July 6, 2023	S.O. 2986(E) PDF, 1.2 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Flame- Producing Lighters (Quality Control) Order, 2023, dated July 5, 2023, requiring flame-producing lighters to conform to IS/ISO 9994 : 2018 and IS/ISO 22702: 2018 and bear the Standard Mark, from six months after notification, 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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