HAND TOOLS / IN FORCE

Quality Control Order for hand tools: pipe wrenches, spanners and side cutting pliers

S.O. 5596(E) sets October 1, 2026 for pipe wrenches, spanners and side cutting pliers to meet nine Indian Standards and bear the BIS Standard Mark.

THE HAND TOOLS (QUALITY Control) Order was first issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) as S.O. 4183(E), dated September 17, 2024, under section 16 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016. It covers chain pipe wrenches (IS 4123:1982), open ended and ring slugging wrenches (IS 4508:1992, IS 4509:1992), single-ended open-jaw adjustable wrenches (IS 6149:1984), open-jaw and ring wrenches (IS 2028:2004, IS 2029:1998), general purpose and heavy duty pipe wrenches (IS 4003 (Part 1): 1978, IS 4003 (Part 2): 1986) and combination side cutting pliers (IS 3650:1981).

STANDARDS 9

IS 4003 (Part 1): 1978 Pipe Wrenches –General Purpose	**IS 4003 (Part 2): 1986** Pipe Wrenches – Heavy Duty	**IS 2028:2004** Open-Jaw Wrenches (Spanners)
IS 2029:1998 Ring Wrenches (Spanners)	**IS 6149:1984** Single-ended Open-jaw Adjustable Wrenches	**IS 4123:1982** Chain Pipe Wrenches
IS 4508:1992 Open Ended Slugging Wrenches (Spanners)	**IS 4509:1992** Ring Slugging Wrenches (Spanners)	**IS 3650:1981** Combination Side Cutting Pliers

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025

CAME INTO FORCE

October 1, 2026 under the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025 issued as S.O. 5596(E); the order it superseded (S.O. 3385(E)) had set October 1, 2025, and the original 2024 order (S.O. 4183(E)) the expiry of six months from publication (published September 24, 2024). The text of S.O. 5561(E), recorded for October 9, 2026, is not covered here.

WHERE IT STANDS

In force

REFERENCES

S.O. 5561(E)	In force
S.O. 5596(E)	In force
S.O. 3385(E)	In force
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The tools 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, and contraventions are punishable under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

The 2024 order was to take effect six months after publication, nine months for small enterprises and twelve months for micro enterprises. S.O. 3385(E), dated July 22, 2025, superseded it with the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025, setting October 1, 2025, January 1, 2026 for small enterprises and April 1, 2026 for micro enterprises, and exempting up to two hundred goods a year imported by hand tool manufacturers for research and development.

S.O. 5596(E), dated December 4, 2025, superseded that order with a further Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025, keeping the same standards and exemptions and setting October 1, 2026, January 1, 2027 for small enterprises and April 1, 2027 for micro enterprises. A later notification, S.O. 5561(E), is recorded with the date October 9, 2026; its text is not covered in this summary, so the position after that date cannot be stated from these texts.

Order	Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Hand Tools
Where it stands	In force
What it requires	The hand tools in the Table 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.
Certification scheme	Scheme-1 of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018
Came into force	October 1, 2026 under the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025 issued as S.O. 5596(E); the order it superseded (S.O. 3385(E)) had set October 1, 2025, and the original 2024 order (S.O. 4183(E)) the expiry of six months from publication (published September 24, 2024). The text of S.O. 5561(E), recorded for October 9, 2026, is not covered here.
Small enterprises	Under S.O. 5596(E): January 1, 2027 for small enterprises and April 1, 2027 for micro enterprises, as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006. S.O. 3385(E) had set January 1, 2026 and April 1, 2026, and the 2024 order nine and twelve months from publication.
Exemptions	• Goods or articles manufactured domestically for export • Two hundred numbers of goods or articles imported per year for the purpose of research and development by manufacturers of hand tools, which are not to be sold commercially and are to be disposed of as scrap, with a year-wise record maintained and furnished if so desired by Government authorities (S.O. 3385(E) and S.O. 5596(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
Hand Tools	IS 4003 (Part 1): 1978	Pipe Wrenches –General Purpose
Hand Tools	IS 4003 (Part 2): 1986	Pipe Wrenches – Heavy Duty
Hand Tools	IS 2028:2004	Open-Jaw Wrenches (Spanners)
Hand Tools	IS 2029:1998	Ring Wrenches (Spanners)
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Hand Tools	IS 4508:1992	Open Ended Slugging Wrenches (Spanners)

Hand Tools	IS 4509:1992	Ring Slugging Wrenches (Spanners)
Hand Tools	IS 3650:1981	Combination Side Cutting Pliers

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
October 9, 2026	S.O. 5561(E) PDF, 458 KB · Gazette	In force	
December 4, 2025	S.O. 5596(E) PDF, 586 KB · Gazette	In force	Issued, dated and published December 4, 2025, a further Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025 in supersession of the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025, with the same nine standards and exemptions, to come into force on October 1, 2026, with January 1, 2027 for small enterprises and April 1, 2027 for micro enterprises.
July 24, 2025	S.O. 3385(E) PDF, 616 KB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2025, dated July 22, 2025 and published July 24, 2025, in supersession of the 2024 order, with the same nine standards, to come into force on October 1, 2025, with January 1, 2026 for small enterprises and April 1, 2026 for micro enterprises, and exempted up to two hundred goods a year imported by hand tool manufacturers for research and development.
December 24, 2024	S.O. 4183(E) PDF, 1.7 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Hand Tools (Quality Control) Order, 2024, dated September 17, 2024 and published in the Gazette of India on September 24, 2024, covering nine wrenches, spanners and pliers, to come into force six months from publication, 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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