HINGES / TRANSITION FACILITATION

Quality Control Order for hinges, including butt, piano, parliament and cabinet hinges

The Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2025 requires butt, piano, parliament, cabinet and other hinges to bear the BIS Standard Mark from July 1, 2025.

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STANDARDS 9

IS 12817:2020 Stainless Steel Butt Hinges	**IS 1341:2018** Steel Butt Hinges	**IS 205:1992** Non-ferrous metal butt Hinges
IS 206:2010 Tee and Strap Hinges	**IS 362:1991** Parliament Hinges	**IS 3818:1992** Continuous (Piano) Hinges
IS 3843:1995 Steel back flap Hinges	**IS 453:1993** Double-acting Spring Hinges	**IS 18297:2023** Cabinet Hinges

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2025

CAME INTO FORCE

July 1, 2025, the date of implementation in the Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2025, which itself came into force on its publication in the Official Gazette (March 24, 2025); the 2024 order had set January 1, 2025 and the 2023 order six months from publication

WHERE IT STANDS

Transition Facilitation

REFERENCES

S.O. 3417(E)	Transition Facilitation
S.O. 775(E)	In force
S.O. 776(E)	In force
S.O. 1368(E)	In force
S.O. 2982(E)	In force
S.O. 5294(E)	In force

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Hinges must conform to the corresponding 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 made in India 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 order has been reissued twice. S.O. 2982(E) of July 26, 2024 set January 1, 2025, with later dates for small and micro enterprises, and S.O. 1368(E) of March 21, 2025 set a single date of implementation, July 1, 2025, and allowed up to two hundred numbers a year to be imported for research and development.

In February 2026, S.O. 775(E) and S.O. 776(E) exempted consignments shipped or ordered before July 1, 2025 and entered within one hundred and eighty days after it. On June 25, 2026, the Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026 brought this order within a route under which a company granted permission by the Department may be supplied by manufacturers licensed under Scheme II. Applications are accepted for twenty-four months, and that order runs for five years unless extended.

Each later order was made in supersession of the one before it, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before the supersession.

Order	Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2025
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Hinges
Where it stands	Transition Facilitation
What it requires	Hinges 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 each standard, with its amendments, as notified by the Bureau, applies.
Certification scheme	Scheme-1 of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018
Came into force	July 1, 2025, the date of implementation in the Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2025, which itself came into force on its publication in the Official Gazette (March 24, 2025); the 2024 order had set January 1, 2025 and the 2023 order six months from publication
Small enterprises	The 2025 order gives a single date of implementation, July 1, 2025, with no separate dates for small or micro enterprises. The 2024 order it superseded had set April 1, 2025 for small enterprises and July 1, 2025 for micro enterprises, and the 2023 order nine and twelve months from publication.
Exemptions	• Goods or articles manufactured domestically for export • Up to two hundred numbers a year imported for research and development by manufacturers of hinges, not to be sold commercially, with a year-wise record furnished to the Central Government • Imports in consignments shipped under a Bill of Lading before July 1, 2025, the date of implementation, with a Bill of Entry on or before one hundred and eighty days after that date, subject to copies of the Bill of Lading and Bill of Entry being given to the Bureau within seven days of clearance (S.O. 775(E)) • Goods or articles whose purchase order was placed before July 1, 2025, the date of implementation, with the Bill of Lading and Bill of Entry dated on or before one hundred and eighty days from that date, subject to copies of the purchase order, Bill of Lading and Bill of Entry being given to the Bureau within seven days of clearance (S.O. 776(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
Hinges	IS 12817:2020	Stainless Steel Butt Hinges
Hinges	IS 1341:2018	Steel Butt Hinges
Hinges	IS 205:1992	Non-ferrous metal butt Hinges

Hinges	IS 206:2010	Tee and Strap Hinges
Hinges	IS 362:1991	Parliament Hinges
Hinges	IS 3818:1992	Continuous (Piano) Hinges
Hinges	IS 3843:1995	Steel back flap Hinges
Hinges	IS 453:1993	Double-acting Spring Hinges
Hinges	IS 18297:2023	Cabinet Hinges

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
June 25, 2026	S.O. 3417(E) PDF, 746 KB · Gazette	Transition Facilitation	Issued the Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026, which applies to ten Quality Control Orders including this one. Notwithstanding those orders, a manufacturer may be licensed under Scheme II of Schedule II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 to supply a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 that the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has granted permission after a risk assessment by an Implementation Committee.
February 13, 2026	S.O. 775(E) PDF, 724 KB · Gazette	In force	Dated February 12, 2026, it exempted, for 26 Quality Control Orders including this one, imports in consignments shipped under a Bill of Lading before the date of implementation and entered under a Bill of Entry on or before one hundred and eighty days after it. For this order the date of implementation is given as July 1, 2025.
February 13, 2026	S.O. 776(E) PDF, 724 KB · Gazette	In force	Dated February 12, 2026, it exempted, for the same 26 Quality Control Orders, goods whose purchase order was placed before the date of implementation and whose Bill of Lading and Bill of Entry are dated on or before one hundred and eighty days from that date, given as July 1, 2025 for this order.
March 24, 2025	S.O. 1368(E) PDF, 832 KB · Gazette	In force	Dated March 21, 2025, it issued the Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2025 in supersession of the 2024 order, with the same nine standards, a single date of implementation, July 1, 2025, and an exclusion for up to two hundred numbers a year imported for research and development.
June 26, 2024	S.O. 2982(E) PDF, 2.1 MB · Gazette	In force	Dated and published on July 26, 2024, it issued the Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2024 in supersession of the 2023 order, to come into force on January 1, 2025, with April 1, 2025 for small enterprises and July 1, 2025 for micro enterprises.

December 8, 2023	S.O. 5294(E) PDF, 1.1 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Hinges (Quality Control) Order, 2023, dated December 8, 2023 and published on December 12, 2023, requiring hinges to conform to nine Indian Standards and bear the Standard Mark, from six months after 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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