REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES / AMENDED

Quality Control Order for household refrigerating appliances and freezers

A 2020 Quality Control Order, twice deferred, requires household refrigerating appliances and freezers to bear the BIS Standard Mark from January 1, 2024.

THE REFRIGERATING Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2020 was issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) as S.O. 4489(E), dated December 10, 2020. As issued, it covered household refrigerators under IS 1476 (Part1): 2000, freezers under IS 7872: 2018 and household frost-free refrigerating appliances under IS 15750:2006.

STANDARDS 2

IS 17550 (Part 1): 2021

Household Refrigerating Appliances– Characteristics and Test Methods Part-1 General Requirements

IS 7872: 2018

Freezers- Specification

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Refrigerating Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2020

CAME INTO FORCE

January 1, 2024, under S.O. 5850(E); as issued, the order was to come into force on January 1, 2022 (01.01.2022), moved to January 1, 2023 by S.O. 5339(E)

WHERE IT STANDS

Amended

REFERENCES

S.O. 358(E)	Amended
S.O. 5850(E)	Amended
S.O. 5339(E)	Amended
S.O. 4489(E)	In force

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The goods must conform to the corresponding standard 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 Bureau is the certifying and enforcing authority. Goods meant for export are excluded.

S.O. 5339(E) of December 22, 2021 replaced the Table with two entries, household refrigerating appliances under IS 17550 (Part 1): 2021 and freezers under IS 7872: 2018, and moved the commencement from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023. S.O. 5850(E) of December 14, 2022 moved it to January 1, 2024.

S.O. 358(E) of January 16, 2025, the latest notification in this record, added two exclusions: imports of components for exports by certified or applicant manufacturers on a self-declaration, and two hundred numbers of goods or articles imported per year for research and development. As amended, the order covers household refrigerating appliances under IS 17550 (Part 1): 2021 and freezers under IS 7872: 2018, with commencement on January 1, 2024.

Order	Refrigerating Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2020
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Refrigerating Appliances
Where it stands	Amended
What it requires	Household refrigerating appliances and freezers 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, including amendments, applies from the date notified by the Bureau.
Certification scheme	Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018

Came into force	January 1, 2024, under S.O. 5850(E); as issued, the order was to come into force on January 1, 2022 (01.01.2022), moved to January 1, 2023 by S.O. 5339(E)
Exemptions	• Goods or articles meant for export • Imports of components of refrigerating appliances, for exports, by a manufacturer certified by the Bureau or who has applied for certification, subject to a self-declaration to the Central Government with the invoice number and consignment details, an undertaking that the components will not be put to any other use or sold in the domestic market, and records kept for verification or audit (S.O. 358(E)) • Two hundred numbers of goods or articles imported per year for research and development by a manufacturer of refrigerating appliances certified by the Bureau or who has applied for certification, which shall not be sold commercially, can be disposed of as scrap, and must be recorded year-wise and reported to the Central Government (S.O. 358(E))
Enforcement	The Bureau of Indian Standards is the certifying and enforcing authority.

The products and their standards

Product	Indian Standard	Title of the standard
Household Refrigerating Appliances	IS 17550 (Part 1): 2021	Household Refrigerating Appliances–Characteristics and Test Methods Part-1 General Requirements
Freezers	IS 7872: 2018	Freezers- Specification

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
January 21, 2025	S.O. 358(E) PDF, 602 KB · Gazette	Amended	Dated January 16, 2025, it inserted two provisos in paragraph 2: one excluding imports of components for exports by certified or applicant manufacturers on a self-declaration, and one excluding two hundred numbers of goods or articles imported per year for research and development by certified or applicant manufacturers.
December 14, 2022	S.O. 5850(E) PDF, 1.1 MB · Gazette	Amended	Dated December 14, 2022, it amended paragraph 1(2) so that the order comes into force on January 1, 2024 instead of January 1, 2023.

December 22, 2021	S.O. 5339(E) PDF, 1.5 MB · Gazette	Amended	Dated December 22, 2021, it amended paragraph 1(2) so that the order comes into force on January 1, 2023 instead of January 1, 2022, and replaced the Table with two entries: household refrigerating appliances under IS 17550 (Part 1): 2021 and freezers under IS 7872: 2018.
December 10, 2020	S.O. 4489(E) PDF, 1.5 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Refrigerating Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2020, covering household refrigerators (IS 1476 (Part1): 2000), freezers (IS 7872: 2018) and household frost-free refrigerating appliances (IS 15750:2006), to come into force on January 1, 2022.

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

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