FIRE EXTINGUISHERS / IN FORCE

Quality Control Order for portable and wheeled fire extinguishers

A 2023 QCO, published August 10, 2023, requires portable and wheeled fire extinguishers to bear the BIS Standard Mark from six months after publication.

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KEY FACTS

ORDER

Fire Extinguishers (Quality Control) Order, 2023

CAME INTO FORCE

With effect from six months from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette (published August 10, 2023)

WHERE IT STANDS

In force

REFERENCES

S.O. 3585(E)	In force

STANDARDS 2

IS 15683:2018

Portable Fire Extinguishers — Performance and Construction

IS 16018:2012

Wheeled Fire Extinguishers — Performance and Construction

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Fire extinguishers must conform to those standards and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards as per Scheme-1 of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The latest version of the standards, including amendments notified by the Bureau, applies from the date of such notification. The order does not apply to goods manufactured domestically for export.

The order took effect six months from its publication in the Official Gazette, with nine months for small enterprises and twelve months for micro enterprises, as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006. The Bureau is the certifying and enforcing authority, and contraventions are punishable under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

No amendment, deferral or relaxation of the order appears in this record.

Order	Fire Extinguishers (Quality Control) Order, 2023
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Fire Extinguishers
Where it stands	In force
What it requires	Fire extinguishers must conform to IS 15683:2018 and IS 16018:2012 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-1 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 publication of the notification in the Official Gazette (published August 10, 2023)

Small enterprises	Micro enterprises: twelve months from the date of publication of the notification. Small enterprises: nine 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
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
Fire Extinguishers	IS 15683:2018	Portable Fire Extinguishers — Performance and Construction
Fire Extinguishers	IS 16018:2012	Wheeled Fire Extinguishers — Performance and Construction

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
August 10, 2023	S.O. 3585(E) PDF, 581 KB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Fire Extinguishers (Quality Control) Order, 2023, dated August 9, 2023, under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 16 read with section 17 and sub-section (3) of section 25 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016, requiring fire extinguishers to conform to IS 15683:2018 and IS 16018:2012 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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