POTABLE WATER BOTTLES / AMENDED

Quality Control Order for potable water bottles of copper, stainless steel and aluminum

Potable water bottles of copper, stainless steel and aluminum must meet IS 17803:2022 and bear the BIS Standard Mark under the 2024 order, amended in 2026.

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STANDARDS 1

IS 17803:2022

Potable Water Bottles (Copper, Stainless Steel, Aluminium)

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Order, 2024

CAME INTO FORCE

The 2023 order (S.O. 2988(E)): with effect from six months from the date of publication of the notification (published July 6, 2023). The 2024 order (S.O. 1071(E)) that superseded it: with effect from three months from the date of publication of the notification (published March 6, 2024).

WHERE IT STANDS

Amended

REFERENCES

S.O. 777(E)	Amended
S.O. 3702(E)	Amended
S.O. 1071(E)	In force
S.O. 2988(E)	In force

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The bottles must conform to the standard 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. 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 2023 order was to come into force six months after publication, with nine months for small and twelve months for micro enterprises. S.O. 1071(E), dated March 5, 2024 and published on March 6, 2024, replaced it with the Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Order, 2024, which comes into force three months from publication, six months for small enterprises and nine months for micro enterprises.

S.O. 3702(E) of August 29, 2024 allowed declared stock made or imported before commencement to be sold for six months from that amendment. S.O. 777(E) of February 12, 2026, the latest notification in this record, raised the exclusion for Udyam-registered enterprises from investment up to twenty-five lakh rupees and turnover up to two crore rupees to rupees one crore and rupees five crore.

Order	Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Order, 2024
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Potable Water Bottles
Where it stands	Amended
What it requires	Potable water bottles must conform to IS 17803:2022 and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards. The latest version of the standard, including amendments, as 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	The 2023 order (S.O. 2988(E)): with effect from six months from the date of publication of the notification (published July 6, 2023). The 2024 order (S.O. 1071(E)) that superseded it: with effect from three months from the date of publication of the notification (published March 6, 2024).
Small enterprises	Under the 2024 order, six months from publication for small enterprises and nine months for micro enterprises (the 2023 order gave nine and twelve months). Goods manufactured by an enterprise registered under the Udyam Portal whose investment in plant and machinery or equipment at original cost does not exceed rupees one crore and whose turnover does not exceed rupees five crore for the previous financial year, as certified by a Chartered Accountant, are excluded since S.O. 777(E) of February 12, 2026; before that, the limits were twenty-five lakh rupees and two crore rupees for goods manufactured domestically.
Exemptions	• Goods or articles manufactured domestically for export • Goods or articles manufactured by an enterprise registered under Udyam Portal of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, wherein the investment in plant and machinery or equipment at original cost does not exceed rupees one crore and the turnover does not exceed rupees five crore for the previous financial year, as certified by a Chartered Accountant (as substituted by S.O. 777(E)) • Goods or articles domestically manufactured or imported before the date of commencement of the order by a manufacturer certified by the Bureau, a manufacturer who has applied to the Bureau for certification, or an importer: such declared stock may be sold, displayed or offered for sale up to six months from the commencement of the Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2024, subject to a declaration to the Bureau certified by a chartered accountant (S.O. 3702(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

Potable water bottles	IS 17803:2022	Potable Water Bottles (Copper, Stainless Steel, Aluminium)

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, it amended eight quality control orders. In the Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Order, 2024 it substituted the second proviso to paragraph 2, so that the exclusion for enterprises registered under the Udyam Portal covers investment up to rupees one crore and turnover up to rupees five crore.
August 30, 2024	S.O. 3702(E) PDF, 1.7 MB · Gazette	Amended	The Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2024, dated August 29, 2024, inserted a proviso allowing stock manufactured or imported before the order's commencement, by a certified or applicant manufacturer or by an importer, to be sold up to six months from the amendment's commencement, on a declaration to the Bureau.
March 6, 2024	S.O. 1071(E) PDF, 793 KB · Gazette	In force	Dated March 5, 2024, it issued the Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Order, 2024 in supersession of the 2023 order, for the same product and standard, to come into force three months from publication, six months for small enterprises and nine months for micro enterprises.
July 6, 2023	S.O. 2988(E) PDF, 1.2 MB · Gazette	In force	Dated July 5, 2023, it issued the Potable Water Bottles (Quality Control) Order, 2023, requiring potable water bottles to conform to IS 17803:2022 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.

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