MEDICAL TEXTILES / AMENDED

Quality Control Order for sanitary napkins, baby diapers and medical textiles

The Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2024 covers sanitary napkins and diapers from January 1, 2025, or April 1, 2025 for small and micro units.

THE MEDICAL TEXTILES (Quality Control) Order, 2024 was issued by the Ministry of Textiles as S.O. 4634(E), dated October 23, 2024, in supersession of the Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2023. Schedule A covers sanitary napkins (IS 5405:2019), baby diapers (IS 17509:2021) and reusable sanitary pads, sanitary napkins and period panties (IS 17514:2021). Schedule B covers shoe covers (IS 17349:2020), dental bibs or napkins (IS 17354:2020) and bed sheets and pillow covers (IS 17630:2021).

STANDARDS 6

IS 5405:2019 Sanitary napkins - Specification (second revision)	**IS 17509:2021** Disposable baby diaper - Specification	**IS 17514:2021** Reusable sanitary pad/ sanitary napkin/ period panties -Specification
IS 17349:2020 Medical textiles - Shoe covers - Specification	**IS 17354:2020** Medical textiles - Dental Bib or Napkins - Specification	**IS 17630:2021** Medical Textiles - Bed sheet and pillow cover - Specification

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2024

CAME INTO FORCE

The 2024 order came into force on its publication (October 23, 2024), with dates of implementation in its Schedules: for Schedule A, January 1, 2025 for large and medium enterprises and April 1, 2025 for small and micro enterprises (as substituted by S.O. 04(E)); for Schedule B, April 1, 2024

WHERE IT STANDS

Amended

REFERENCES

S.O. 3526(E)	Amended
S.O. 04(E)	Amended
S.O. 4634(E)	In force
S.O. 830(E)	Amended
S.O. 4247(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 to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The Bureau and the Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, are the certifying and enforcing authority. The order does not apply to goods meant for export or to Schedule A items made by self help groups.

The first order, S.O. 4247(E) of September 27, 2023, set April 1, 2024 for Schedule A (October 1, 2024 for small and micro enterprises) and April 1, 2024 for Schedule B. S.O. 830(E) of February 22, 2024 set the Schedule A date at October 1, 2024. The 2024 order then set January 1, 2025 for Schedule A and April 1, 2024 for Schedule B.

S.O. 04(E) of January 1, 2025 set the Schedule A dates at January 1, 2025 for large and medium enterprises and April 1, 2025 for small and micro enterprises, and allowed declared old stock without the Standard Mark to be sold up to June 30, 2025. S.O. 3526(E) of July 30, 2025 extended the old stock period for Schedule A goods to December 31, 2025.

Order	Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2024
Issued by	Ministry of Textiles
Product group	Medical Textiles
Where it stands	Amended
What it requires	The goods in Schedules A and B must conform to the corresponding Indian Standard and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards.
Certification scheme	Scheme-I of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018
Came into force	The 2024 order came into force on its publication (October 23, 2024), with dates of implementation in its Schedules: for Schedule A,

	January 1, 2025 for large and medium enterprises and April 1, 2025 for small and micro enterprises (as substituted by S.O. 04(E)); for Schedule B, April 1, 2024
Small enterprises	Schedule A items (sanitary napkins, baby diapers, reusable sanitary pads, napkins and period panties): April 1, 2025 for small and micro enterprises, against January 1, 2025 for large and medium enterprises (S.O. 04(E)). The 2023 order as issued gave October 1, 2024 for small and micro enterprises and April 1, 2024 for others.
Exemptions	• Goods or articles meant for export • Items in Schedule A manufactured by self help groups (small informal groups of 10 to 20 individuals, or of at least five members in hilly tracts or regions and predominantly tribal dominated areas) • Declared old stock of Schedule A goods without the Standard Mark, manufactured or imported before the date in column (5) of Schedule A, may be sold, displayed or offered for sale up to December 31, 2025 (S.O. 3526(E); June 30, 2025 under S.O. 04(E))
Enforcement	The Bureau of Indian Standards and the Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, are the certifying and enforcing authority. The 2023 order also provided that contraventions are punishable in accordance with the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016; the 2024 order contains no penalty paragraph.

The products and their standards

Product	Indian Standard	Title of the standard
Sanitary napkins	IS 5405:2019	Sanitary napkins - Specification (second revision)
Baby Diaper	IS 17509:2021	Disposable baby diaper - Specification
Reusable Sanitary Pad Sanitary Napkin Period Panties	IS 17514:2021	Reusable sanitary pad/ sanitary napkin/ period panties -Specification
Shoe covers	IS 17349:2020	Medical textiles - Shoe covers - Specification
Dental bib/Napkins	IS 17354:2020	Medical textiles - Dental Bib or Napkins - Specification
Bedsheet and Pillow Cover	IS 17630:2021	Medical Textiles - Bed sheet and pillow cover - Specification

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did

July 30, 2025	S.O. 3526(E) PDF, 866 KB · Gazette	Amended	Issued the Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Second Amendment Order, 2025, substituting the old stock proviso so that declared stock of Schedule A goods without the Standard Mark, manufactured or imported before the date in column (5), may be sold, displayed or offered for sale up to December 31, 2025.
January 2, 2025	S.O. 04(E) PDF, 2.1 MB · Gazette	Amended	Dated January 1, 2025, it inserted a proviso allowing declared old stock of Schedule A goods without the Standard Mark to be sold up to June 30, 2025, and set the Schedule A dates at January 1, 2025 for large and medium enterprises and April 1, 2025 for small and micro enterprises.
October 23, 2024	S.O. 4634(E) PDF, 1.8 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2024 in supersession of the 2023 order, in force on publication, with dates of implementation of January 1, 2025 for Schedule A and April 1, 2024 for Schedule B, and named the Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, as a certifying and enforcing authority alongside the Bureau.
February 23, 2024	S.O. 830(E) PDF, 746 KB · Gazette	Amended	Dated February 22, 2024, it provided that the order comes into force as specified in column (5) of Schedule A and Schedule B, and set the Schedule A date at October 1, 2024.
September 23, 2023	S.O. 4247(E) PDF, 1.1 MB · Gazette	In force	Dated September 27, 2023, it issued the Medical Textiles (Quality Control) Order, 2023, covering three Schedule A items (from October 1, 2024 for small and micro enterprises and April 1, 2024 for others) and three Schedule B items (from April 1, 2024).

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

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