DRUMS AND TINS / IN FORCE

Quality Control Order for steel drums, bitumen drums and square tins

The Drums and Tins (Quality Control) Order, 2023 brings drums and tins under seven Indian Standards, with later start dates for micro and small units.

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STANDARDS 7

IS 13997:2014
Drums, Large Open Top

IS 1783 (Part 1):2014
Drums Large, Fixed Ends - Grade A Drums

IS 1783 (Part 2):2014
Drums, Large, Fixed Ends - Grade B Drums

IS 2552:1989
Steel Drums (Galvanized and Ungalvanized)

IS 3575:1993
Bitumen Drums

IS 916:2000
Square Tins for Solid Products

IS 10325:2000
Square Tins - 15 Kilograms or litre for Ghee, Vanaspati, Edible Oils and Bakery Shortenings

KEY FACTS

ORDER
Drums and Tins (Quality Control) Order, 2023

CAME INTO FORCE
On the expiry of six months from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette (published October 20, 2023)

WHERE IT STANDS
In force

REFERENCES

S.O. 4596(E)	In force

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It covers drums and tins against seven Indian Standards: large open top drums (IS 13997:2014), large fixed-end drums of Grade A and Grade B (IS 1783 Parts 1 and 2:2014), galvanized and ungalvanized steel drums (IS 2552:1989), bitumen drums (IS 3575:1993), square tins for solid products (IS 916:2000) and 15 kilogram or litre square tins for ghee, vanaspati, edible oils and bakery shortenings (IS 10325:2000).

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-1 of Schedule-II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The order does not apply to goods manufactured domestically for export, or to goods filled with material in powder, semi-solid or liquid form when imported into India.

The order comes into force on the expiry of six months from publication; for micro enterprises, twelve months, and for small enterprises, nine months. The Bureau is the certifying and enforcing authority, and contraventions are punishable under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016. No amendment to the order is among the notifications in this record.

Order	Drums and Tins (Quality Control) Order, 2023
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Drums and Tins
Where it stands	In force
What it requires	Drums and tins must conform to the corresponding Indian Standards in the Table and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards. The latest version of each standard, including amendments 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	On the expiry of six months from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette (published October 20, 2023)

Small enterprises	For micro enterprises, as defined under section 2 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006, the order comes into force on the expiry of twelve months from the date of publication of the notification; for small enterprises, on the expiry of nine months.
Exemptions	• Goods or articles manufactured domestically for export • Goods or articles filled with material in powder or semi-solid or liquid form, when imported into India
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
Drums and Tins	IS 13997:2014	Drums, Large Open Top
Drums and Tins	IS 1783 (Part 1):2014	Drums Large, Fixed Ends - Grade A Drums
Drums and Tins	IS 1783 (Part 2):2014	Drums, Large, Fixed Ends - Grade B Drums
Drums and Tins	IS 2552:1989	Steel Drums (Galvanized and Ungalvanized)
Drums and Tins	IS 3575:1993	Bitumen Drums
Drums and Tins	IS 916:2000	Square Tins for Solid Products
Drums and Tins	IS 10325:2000	Square Tins - 15 Kilograms or litre for Ghee, Vanaspati, Edible Oils and Bakery Shortenings

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
October 17, 2023	S.O. 4596(E) PDF, 710 KB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Drums and Tins (Quality Control) Order, 2023, dated October 17, 2023, under section 16 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016, requiring the drums and tins listed to conform to seven Indian Standards and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau, six months after publication, with later dates for micro and small 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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