MATERIAL MEASURE OF LENGTH / IN FORCE

Quality Control Order for steel, woven metallic and glass fibre tape measures

A 2023 Quality Control Order requires tape measures under IS 1269 (Part 1) and (Part 2) to bear the BIS Standard Mark from six months after publication.

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KEY FACTS

ORDER

Legal Metrology- Material Measures of Length (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

WHERE IT STANDS

In force

REFERENCES

S.O. 5029(E)	In force

STANDARDS 2

IS 1269 (Part 1):1997

Legal metrology - Material measure of length - Woven metallic and glass fibre tape measures

IS 1269 (Part 2):1997

Legal metrology - Material measures of length - Steel tape measures

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It covers two kinds of material measures of length: woven metallic and glass fibre tape measures (IS 1269 (Part 1):1997) and steel tape measures (IS 1269 (Part 2):1997). The goods 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. The Table's note says the latest version of each standard, including amendments, applies.

The order does not apply to goods or articles manufactured domestically for export. The Bureau is the certifying and enforcing authority, and contraventions are punishable under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

The order comes into force on the expiry of six months from its publication. For small enterprises the period is nine months, and for micro enterprises twelve months. No later amendment to the order appears in this record.

Order	Legal Metrology- Material Measures of Length (Quality Control) Order, 2023
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Material Measure of length
Where it stands	In force
What it requires	Material measures of length must conform to the corresponding Indian Standard and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards. The Table's note says the latest version of each Indian Standard, including amendments, as notified by the Bureau, applies.
Certification scheme	Scheme-1 of Schedule-II of 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
Small enterprises	For micro enterprises, as defined in 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; for small enterprises, on the expiry of nine months from the date of publication.
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
Legal metrology - Material measure of length - Woven metallic and glass fibre tape measures	IS 1269 (Part 1):1997	Legal metrology - Material measure of length - Woven metallic and glass fibre tape measures
Legal metrology - Material measures of length - Steel tape measures	IS 1269 (Part 2):1997	Legal metrology - Material measures of length - Steel tape measures

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
November 21, 2023	S.O. 5029(E) PDF, 1.4 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Legal Metrology- Material Measures of Length (Quality Control) Order, 2023, requiring tape measures under IS 1269 (Part 1) and (Part 2) to conform to the standards and bear the Standard Mark, from six months after publication, with nine months for small and twelve months for micro enterprises.

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

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