NON ELECTRIC TOYS / TRANSITION FACILITATION

Quality Control Order for toys for children under 14 years of age (IS 9873 and IS 15644)

The Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 requires toys for children under 14 to bear the BIS Standard Mark under IS 9873 and IS 15644 from January 1, 2021.

THE TOYS (QUALITY Control) Order, 2020 was issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) as S.O. 853(E), dated February 25, 2020. It applies to products or material designed or clearly intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age, or any other product notified by the Central Government.

STANDARDS 7

IS 9873 (Part 1) : 2018

Safety of Toys Part 1 Safety Aspects Related to Mechanical and Physical Properties

IS 9873 (Part 2) : 2017

Safety of Toys Part 2 Flammability

IS 9873 (Part 3) : 2017

Safety Requirements for Toys Part 3 Migration of Certain Elements

IS 9873 (Part 4) : 2017

Safety of Toys Part 4 Swings, Slides and Similar Activity Toys for Indoor and Outdoor Family Domestic Use

IS 9873 (Part 7) : 2017

Safety of Toys Part 7 Requirements and Test Methods for Finger Paints

IS 9873 (Part 9) : 2017

IS 15644: 2006

Safety of Electric Toys

KEY FACTS

ORDER

Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020

CAME INTO FORCE

As issued, with effect from September 1, 2020; S.O. 3146(E) substituted January 1, 2021

WHERE IT STANDS

Transition Facilitation

REFERENCES

S.O. 3417(E)	Transition Facilitation
S.O. 4277(E)	Amended
S.O. 4514(E)	Amended
S.O. 3146(E)	Amended
S.O. 853(E)	In force

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Toys must conform to six parts of IS 9873 on the safety of toys, covering mechanical and physical properties, flammability, migration of certain elements, swings and slides, finger paints and certain phthalate esters, and to IS 15644: 2006, Safety of Electric Toys. They must bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards, which is the certifying and enforcement authority. Goods meant for export are excluded.

As issued, the order was to take effect on September 1, 2020. S.O. 3146(E) of September 15, 2020 moved that date to January 1, 2021. S.O. 4514(E) of December 11, 2020 excluded goods made and sold by registered handicrafts artisans and by registered proprietors and authorized users of Geographical Indication products. S.O. 4277(E) of September 30, 2024 excluded up to 300 research and development imports a year per certified or applicant manufacturer.

The Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026 of June 25, 2026 lists this order, with an implementation date of January 1, 2021, among those for which supply may be permitted under a Scheme II licence to companies granted permission by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

Order	Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020
Issued by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)
Product group	Non Electric Toys
Where it stands	Transition Facilitation
What it requires	Toys, meaning products or material designed or clearly intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age, or any other product notified by the Central Government, must conform to the Indian Standards in the Table and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards.

	The order applies to toys as first received by children and after reasonably foreseeable conditions of normal use and abuse.
Certification scheme	Scheme-I of Schedule-II of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018
Came into force	As issued, with effect from September 1, 2020; S.O. 3146(E) substituted January 1, 2021
Exemptions	• Goods or articles meant for export • Goods or articles manufactured and sold by Artisans registered with Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), under Ministry of Textiles, Government of India (S.O. 4514(E)) • Goods or articles manufactured and sold by Registered proprietor and Authorised user of a product registered as Geographical Indication by the Registrar of Geographical Indications (S.O. 4514(E)) • Import of up to 300 numbers (max 5 nos each type of samples) of goods and articles per financial year for research and development for toys and related parts by each manufacturer certified by, or applying to, the Bureau, provided they are not sold commercially, are disposed of as scrap, and a year-wise record is kept and furnished to the Central Government (S.O. 4277(E))
Enforcement	The Bureau of Indian Standards is the certifying and enforcement authority for the goods in the Table.

The products and their standards

Product	Indian Standard	Title of the standard
Toys	IS 9873 (Part 1) : 2018	Safety of Toys Part 1 Safety Aspects Related to Mechanical and Physical Properties
Toys	IS 9873 (Part 2) : 2017	Safety of Toys Part 2 Flammability
Toys	IS 9873 (Part 3) : 2017	Safety Requirements for Toys Part 3 Migration of Certain Elements
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Toys	IS 15644: 2006	Safety of Electric Toys

Every notification on this order

Date	Notification	Status	What it did
June 25, 2026	S.O. 3417(E) PDF, 746 KB · Gazette	Transition Facilitation	Issued the Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026, dated June 25, 2026, whose Schedule lists this order (issued February 25, 2020; implemented January 1, 2021). Notwithstanding the listed orders, it permits use of the Standard Mark under a licence as per Scheme II of Schedule II to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018, available only to a manufacturer supplying a company granted specific permission by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
September 30, 2024	S.O. 4277(E) PDF, 1.7 MB · Gazette	Amended	The Toys (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2024, dated September 30, 2024, inserted a proviso so that the order does not apply to the import of up to 300 numbers (max 5 nos each type of samples) of goods per financial year for research and development by each manufacturer certified by, or applying to, the Bureau, subject to conditions.
December 11, 2020	S.O. 4514(E) PDF, 1.6 MB · Gazette	Amended	The Toys (Quality Control) Second Amendment Order, 2020, dated December 11, 2020, inserted provisos so that the order does not apply to goods manufactured and sold by artisans registered with the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), or by the registered proprietor and authorized user of a product registered as a Geographical Indication.
September 15, 2020	S.O. 3146(E) PDF, 1.4 MB · Gazette	Amended	The Toys (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2020, dated September 15, 2020, substituted paragraph 1(2) so that the order comes into force with effect from January 1, 2021.
February 25, 2020	S.O. 853(E) PDF, 1.1 MB · Gazette	In force	Issued the Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020, dated February 25, 2020, requiring toys for use in play by children under 14 years of age to conform to IS 9873 (Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9) and IS 15644: 2006 and bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau, with effect from September 1, 2020.

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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