



THE FIBRE CEMENT PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

(Regd. Under Indian Societies Act, 1860)

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To,

Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari
Director General
Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS),
Manak Bhawan, 9 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi - 110002, India.

Dear Shri Tiwari Ji,

The Fibre Cement Products Manufacturers' Association (FCPMA) is the apex body of fibre cement products manufacturers in India and has been in existence since 1985. FCPMA members are primarily engaged in the manufacturing of Fibre AC sheets which provides low-cost roofing solutions for the rural masses/warehouses for over 8 decades and Fibre AC Pipes used for drinking water supply and sewage disposal.

We are writing to you regarding the recent BIS notification dated 6th March 2024 concerning the regulation and standardization of Fibre Cement Sheets. Specifically, we seek your consideration and approval for our non-standard products, which are Fibre Cement Sheets in sizes below 1.5 meters in length and below 1.05 meters in width. These sheets are derived from salvaged, damaged standard sheets through a cutting process.

The generation of non-standard sheets occurs through the reclamation and cutting of damaged standard sheets. This practice is essential for maximizing the utility of materials and minimizing waste. The non-standard sheets constitute approximately 3-4% of the total industry production. The primary beneficiaries of these non-standard sheets are economically disadvantaged groups, particularly those falling under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category. These sheets are sold at prices 40-50% lower than the standard materials, providing an affordable roofing solution for low-income families.

By selling these salvaged, non-standard sheets, the industry mitigates losses incurred from damaged goods, saves natural resources by repurposing materials, and supports sustainable and environmentally responsible business practices by reducing waste. Although these sheets are non-standard in size, they are manufactured from the same high-quality materials and adhere to the same safety and performance criteria as standard sheets. They are fully functional and provide a durable roofing solution suitable for various applications.

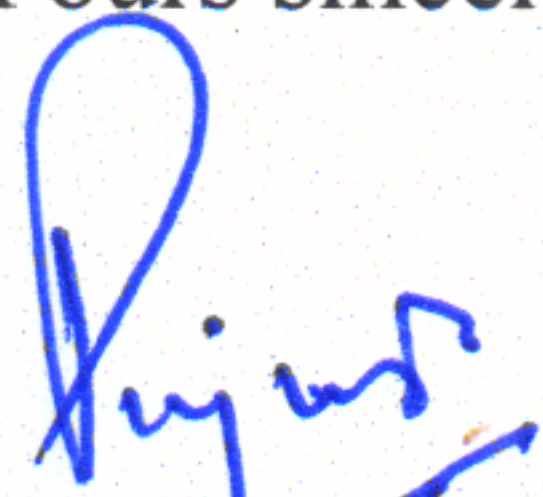
We humbly request your kind consideration to approve the sale of non-standard Fibre Cement Sheets derived from salvaged, damaged sheets. Recognizing these products will support affordable housing for low-income groups, promote sustainability, and reduce waste.

We believe that such recognition and approval will support our industry's commitment to sustainability, economic viability, and social responsibility. We assure you of our adherence to all other relevant quality and safety standards and our dedication to providing safe, reliable products to our customers.

In conclusion, we earnestly seek your favorable consideration of our request. The approval of non-standard Fibre Cement Sheets will greatly benefit economically disadvantaged communities and support the industry's efforts in waste reduction and sustainable practices.

Thank you for considering our representation. We are hopeful for a positive response and are available for any further discussions or clarifications.

Yours sincerely,


Piyush Sharma
Executive Director