केन्द्रीय मुहर विभाग – III

हमारा संदर्भ- **केन्द्रीय मुहर विभाग-३/१६: भा.मा. 303** **12 मई 2026**

विषय: भारतीय मानक आईएस 303: 2024 - 'सामान्य प्रयोजन के लिए प्लाईवुड' - विशिष्टि के संशोधन संख्या 2 के कार्यान्वयन हेतु दिशानिर्देश - संगीन लैंप धारक

यह पत्र उपरोक्त विषय के संदर्भ में है।

सभी परिचालन इकाइयाँ (बीओएस) कृपया संलग्न दिशानिर्देशों का तत्काल प्रभाव से कार्यान्वयन सुनिश्चित करें।

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CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT-III

Our Ref: **CMD-3/16: IS 303** **12 May 2026**

Subject: Guidelines for implementation of Amendment No. 2 to Indian Standard IS 303: 2024 – Plywood for General Purposes – Specifications.

This has reference to the subject mentioned above.

BOs may kindly ensure implementation of the attached guidelines with immediate effect.

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Subject: Guidelines for Implementation of Amendment No. 2 to Indian Standard IS 303 : 2024 - Plywood for General Purposes – Specifications

1) Amendment No. 2 to IS 303 has been published. **The last date for implementation of the Amendment is 19 September 2026**.

2) All BOs shall inform the Applicants and Licensees under their jurisdiction about implementation of the Amendment **within a week of issuance of these guidelines**.

3) The significant changes brought out in the Standard through the amendment as listed in the Table is given for the purpose of general guidance. BOs shall ensure that the product conforms to all the requirements, as applicable, as per the amendment.

Sr No.	Major Changes in Amendment to Indian Standard	Action required from existing licensee for implementation.
1.	The nomenclature for Bending Classes has been revised and is now designated as Bending Class 10, Bending Class 20, Bending Class 30, Bending Class 40, and Bending Class 50. (Clause 4.3)	Endorsement as per the revised nomenclature for Bending Classes is to be issued by BO.
2.	Second paragraph in Clause 8.2 has been removed to include all of the thicknesses of plywood.	No action required.
3.	The requirement for individual values of MOE & MOR has been modified. The individual values shall not be less than 90% of the specified value of the respective Bending Class. Earlier this limit was 10%. (Clause 11.5)	In-house FTR/ TR from OSL reflecting compliance with the modified test requirements shall be submitted for each Bending Class.
4.	The lower limit requirement for Formaldehyde content under Formaldehyde Class E2 has been removed. (Clause 11.6)	Modification is limited to provide relaxation in the lower limit of the formaldehyde content. No action required.
5.	Additional requirements for ECO-Mark have been removed (Clause 12, Clause 13.1.j, Clause 14)	No Action required.
6.	Explanatory note for Bending Class calculation has been added in Clause 13.1	No Action required.

4) Consequent upon issuance of the Amendment, existing Product Manual has also been revised as Doc: PM/ IS 303/6/May 2026.

5) The guidelines for implementation of the amendment is given below:

A. LICENSEES:

i. All Licensees shall implement the amendment by 19 Sep 2026. Any difficulty in the implementation shall be brought to the notice of CMD III within 30 days of issuance of these guidelines. BOs shall ensure that no Licences are under operation as per IS 303:2024 without the Amendment No.2 after 19 Sep 2026. The status of implementation of the amendment shall be confirmed by Head (BO) to CMD-III within two weeks of the last date of concurrent running.

ii. In order to implement the amendment, manufacturers shall submit the following:

- In-house FTR/ TR from OSL reflecting compliance with the modified test requirements for each Bending Class.

iii. Verification of implementation of the amendment to standard shall be done through a surveillance visit, which shall be completed within three months from the date of implementation.

iv. If the Licensee fails to complete all actions by **19 Sep 2026**, it shall be dealt with as per the prevailing guidelines.

B. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE:

i. Existing Applications where Sample has been submitted in the Laboratory/Test Report has been issued by the Laboratory may be processed without consideration of the amendment. However, if the Applicant is desirous of considering the amendment, a declaration may be obtained from the Applicant to that effect and the Application may be processed accordingly. An undertaking shall also be obtained from such Applicants that if the sample fails while considering the provisions of the amendment, Licence will not be granted as per the old version.

ii. Applications which are recorded henceforth may be processed with or without consideration of the amendment. Processing of Applications without consideration of the amendment shall be permitted only upto **19 Sep 2026** and for such cases Applicant shall give a declaration that they will implement the amendment by **19 Sep 2026**.

iii. Beyond **19 Sep 2026** no Licence shall be granted without consideration of the amendment.

C. CHANGE IN SCOPE OF LICENCE:

i. For change in scope of licence, the relevant provisions as given above for Applicants shall apply.

ii. However, processing of such applications for change in scope of licence without consideration of the amendment shall be permitted only upto the date of implementation of the amendment by the licensee or upto **19 Sep 2026** whichever is earlier.

6) The above guidelines come into force with immediate effect.

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