

केंद्रीय मुहर विभाग-2

संदर्भ : कें.मु.वि-2/9473/16289/5983

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विषय: FFP2 मास्क (IS 9473), सर्जिकल फेस मास्क (IS 16289) और आई प्रोटेक्टर (IS 5983) के निर्माताओं को दी गई इन-हाउस परीक्षण सुविधाओं के लिए छूट को चरणबद्ध तरीके से समाप्त करना

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CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT-2

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Subject: Phasing out of relaxations for in-house testing facilities granted to manufacturers of FFP2 Masks (IS 9473), Surgical Face Masks (IS 16289) and Eye protectors (IS 5983)

Please consider the attached circular regarding the captioned subject.

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1. This has reference to the above.
2. Reference is also invited to CMD-2's circular nos. CMD-2/16:9473 dated 15 05 2020, CMD-2/16:16289 dated 19 05 2020 and CMD-2/16:5983 dated 20 05 2020 in this regard as per which product specific guidelines were issued permitting licences to be granted for use of BIS Standard Mark on FFP2 Filtering Half Masks, Surgical Face Masks and Eye protectors without requiring the manufacturer to set up in house testing facilities. This was done to in order to ensure supply of adequate numbers of quality masks etc. to meet their demand during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. However it has been observed that based on the data provided by BOs, very few of the manufacturers holding BIS licences for the above products have set up in house testing facilities. It was also observed that a significant percentage of samples of FFP2 Filtering Half Masks, Surgical Face Mask samples tested during factory and market surveillance have failed to meet the requirements of the standard, which may be attributable to the fact that most licensees are not testing the product in the factory before dispatch.
4. In view of the above, it has been decided phase out the relaxation given to licensees for IS 9473, IS 16289 and IS 5983 in terms of inhouse testing facilities within **31 March 2023**.
5. BOs are advised to inform the licensees/applicants who have availed of the above relaxation for these products that they shall set up the required in house testing facilities (or cluster based testing facilities) as per the SIT for these products and confirm the same to BIS within 31 March 2023 and that after **31 March 2023, these relaxations shall stand withdrawn** and licence shall be placed under suspension in case positive confirmation regarding setting up of test facilities is not received.

6. BOs are requested to obtain confirmation regarding establishment of test facilities from the manufacturers within 15th April 2023 and confirm the status in this regard to CMD-2 by 30th April 2023 as per the format below

Total number of licensees (for IS 9473/IS 16289/IS 5983)	Number of licenses who have confirmed establishment of test facilities	Number of licenses who have not confirmed establishment of test facilities	Actions taken in case of licenses who have not confirmed establishment of test facilities	Remarks, if any

7. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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