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हमारा सन्दर्भः सीएमडी-1/2:12:1

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विषय: अनुरूपता निर्धारण स्कीम - I (🗐) के अंतर्गत फैक्टरी परीक्षण आधार पर लाइसेंस अनुदान करने के दिशा-निर्देशों में छूट के अस्थायी उपाय I

उपर्युक्त विषय पर सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा अनुमोदित परिपत्र सभी संबंधित पक्षों के कार्यान्वयन के लिए सलंग्न है।

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वैज्ञ-'जी' एवं उपमहानिदेशक (प्रमाणन)

Bureau of Indian Standards

(Central Marks Department - I)

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Subject: Temporary measures for Grant of Licence (GoL) on factory testing basis under conformity assessment Scheme - I (5) - reg.

The circular on the above subject as approved by the Competent Authority is attached herewith for implementation by all concerned.

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- 1) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is operating product certification scheme to grant licence for use of Standard Mark (as per Scheme I of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018.
- 2) The general principle for GoL is successful assessment of the manufacturing infrastructure, production process, quality control and testing capabilities of a manufacturer through a visit to its manufacturing premises. Conformity of the product to the relevant standard(s) is also established through third party laboratory testing or testing in the manufacturing premises or a combination of both as per provisions of Scheme I of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018.
- 3) In compliance to paragraph 3(1)(g) of Scheme I, below mentioned broad procedures (or any combination thereof) are followed by the Bureau for grant of licence as detailed in Guidelines for Grant of Licence (vide Note CMD-I/2:12:1 dated 29 April 2019).
 - i) Option 1: Receipt of application & factory visit for verification of requisite infrastructure and drawl of sample for sending to third party laboratory for testing. This option is available for all products except for products where factory testing is permitted as test labs are not available.
 - ii) Option 2: Receipt of application along with test report issued by third party laboratory. Factory visit is paid for verification of requisite infrastructure and drawl of sample for testing and review purposes. This option is available for all products except for:
 - a) Products such as cylinders, valves, regulators etc., where a joint inspection along with another statutory authority is required or products such as cement where approval is required form another statutory authority; b) Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) and Packaged Natural Mineral Water (PNMW); c) Products for which licence is to be granted on the basis of factory testing; and d) Also not available to Foreign Manufacturers.
 - iii) <u>Factory testing:</u> Receipt of application & factory visit for verification of requisite infrastructure and the complete testing is witnessed by the certification officer(s) during the visit. This option is available for 74 products listed in Annexure I of Guidelines, where test labs are not available.
- 4) Due to prevalent extraordinary situation of lockdown declared by the Central Government to contain the spread of COVID-19, various issues are highlighted by the stakeholders some of which are as follows:

- i) BIS labs as well as BIS recognized laboratories are not operational and are not accepting or testing sample(s).
- ii) Applications are pending for grant of licence with BIS and there is an urgent need of the product in the country. The urgency may arise for many of the products such as medical devices, products required for essential supplies in the country and
- iii) Presence of certified products in these trying times with assurance of quality, safety and reliability is of paramount importance to the common consumers.
- 5) Scheme I of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 permits grant of licence based on complete testing of product in the factory as brought out above. The guidelines for Grant of licence Ref: CMD-I/2:12:1 dated 29 April 2019, restricts this provision to be used for 74 products only. In view of the current situation prevailing in the country due to lockdown and the issues brought out above regarding urgency, following temporary relaxation measures are issued in the Guidelines for Grant of Licence:
 - i) Restriction on number of products allowed for grant of licence on factory testing basis are temporarily relaxed and licence is permitted to be processed for grant based on factory testing on the request of the manufacturer, urgency assessed by the BO and approval by DDGR. All other provisions of factory testing in the guidelines issued and referred above shall be applicable for such cases.
 - ii) Such relaxation shall be available during the period of lockdown and upto 30 days of lifting of the lockdown.
 - iii) The BO shall arrange an early surveillance visit preferably within 6 months of lifting of lockdown in all such cases.
 - iv) DDGRs shall ensure close monitoring of all such cases in their regions.
- 6) This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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