



उपमोक्ता मामले, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्राालय

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Government of India

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Subject: Request for detailing the Armed Police Personnel for protection and safety of BIS Investigating Teams(s) to conduct Search & Seizure under the provisions of BIS Act, 2016- Reg.

To, The Commissioner of Police Jalandhar

Dear Sir.

As you might be aware, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the National Standards Body set up under an Act of the Parliament for harmonious development of the activities of Standardization, marking and quality certification of the goods in the country. The BIS operates a Certification Marks Scheme under which licence are granted to the manufacturers for use of ISI Mark on the products under specified conditions. With the popularity of the ISI Mark, the instances of misuse of the mark are on the increase. To check such misuse of BIS Standard Mark and Violation of Quality Control Orders (QCOs), necessary prohibitory provisions have been made under Sec 11, 14(6), 14(8), 15 and 17 of the BIS Act, 2016. Also penalties for the misuse have been prescribed under Sec 29 of the Act. The employees of the Bureau have been declared as public servants within the meaning of Sec 21 of the Indian PenalCode. Also Certification Officers of the Bureau appointed by the Competent Authority, under Sec 27 of the Act, have been empowered to undertake search and seizure of any place, premises or vehicles where there are reasons to believe that contravention(s) as above are taking place.

During our recent drives, it has been observed that a number of manufacturers/dealers are resorting to misuse of BIS Standard Mark and Violation of QCO and there is an urgent need to check the same. Towards this objective, we seek your help in the process of carrying out search and seizure operations in accordance with the provisions under the BIS Act, for collection of direct evidence to facilitate prosecution of the offenders.

- 1. Accordingly, detailed investigation and search and seizure operation has been planned on 06/12/2024 and for which the following team of officers has been constituted to carry out Raid/Investigation/Search & Seizure:
 - 1) Mr. Pankaj Atri, Joint Director (Scientist-D)
 - 2) Mr. Niraj Kumar Mishra, Deputy Director (Scientist-C)
 - 3) Mr. Hitesh Yadav, Deputy Director (Scientist-C)
- 2. In order to ensure personal protection and safety of the team of investigating officers of BIS, We request you to kindly deploy three armed police personnel including one lady police personnel to assist the team. As the matter is of high confidentiality and in order to avoid any likely leakage of this information, the product under misuse and the name and the address of the factory is being kept confidential and is not being disclosed which you very well
- 3. In this context, it is worth mentioning that BIS has been receiving such cooperation and assistance from the Police in the past on a regular basis, which is highly commendable and appreciated in the larger public interest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS रमीर शाखा /J&K Branch

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