

## <u>Indian Standard IS 302 : PART 2 : SEC 15 : 2009 – Guide for safety of Electrical Appliances for Heating Liquids</u>

Appliances for heating liquids are integral to everyday life, especially in the kitchen. Common examples of such appliances include Electric Kettle, Coffee-makers, Egg boilers, Electric Rice Cookers, Yogurt Makers etc. Appliances for heating liquids are devices specifically designed to raise the temperature of liquids, typically water, for various purposes such as cooking, cleaning or heating. These appliances work by converting electrical energy into heat, which is then transferred to the liquid.

One of the key aspects considered by the consumer while purchasing electric appliances is the safety of the appliance. Safety of the appliance includes Electrical Safety, Thermal Safety and Mechanical Safety. When purchasing any electric appliance, it's a good idea to prioritize safety certifications that meet the regulatory standards for electrical safety. The Indian standard IS 302-2-15 developed by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) deals with the safety requirements for appliances intended to heat liquids (such as electric kettles, water heaters, coffee makers, etc.). The IS 302-2-15 is part of the broader IS 302 standard, which specifies the safety requirements for household and similar electrical appliances. IS 302-2-15 is similar to IEC 60335-2-15 which gives confidence to the consumer that the product is tested according to international standards.

The **safety** of appliances used to heat liquids is of paramount importance due to the combined risks of electricity and high temperatures. **IS 302-2-15** provides a thorough framework for manufacturers to ensure that these appliances are safe for consumers. The standard addresses key safety issues such as **electrical shock protection**, **thermal injury**, **fire prevention**, **mechanical safety**, **and water resistance**. Adherence to IS 302-2-15 ensures that these appliances meet the necessary safety standards to protect users from **injury**, **fire**, **and electrical hazards**, while also promoting product durability and reliability.

The **DPIIT Quality Control Order** mandates that all **electrical appliances** for heating liquids sold, manufactured, or imported in India comply with IS 302-1 and display the **BIS Standard Mark**, ensuring high safety for Indian consumers.

In summary, **IS 302-2-15** gives the confidence to consumers that the appliances that are purchased by them are **safe and reliable**. While purchasing appliances like **Kettles**, **rice cookers**, **coffee makers** etc. look for the standard mark on the appliance and safeguard yourself against electrical shocks and burns.