

F. No. S-20011/14/2021-TECH
Ministry of Steel
Government of India
Technical Division

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 26th October, 2023

CIRCULAR

Subject: All the steel importers importing steel without BIS license to mandatorily apply and seek clarification from Ministry of Steel through QCO Portal for each & every imported steel consignment.

The Ministry of Steel has notified Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order under the BIS Act, 2016. Periodically the Ministry issues such QCO orders to cover more grades of steel and related products.

The Quality Control Order mandates that all the steel products imported into the country must be having BIS license / certification and accompanied with Mill Test Certificate and be marked with ISI and BIS license number.

For smooth implementation of the Quality Control Order, the Ministry of Steel has constituted a Technical Committee (w.e.f. October 2018) for examination and analysis of the application(s) received for issuance of clarification, whether the product(s) which are being imported without BIS certification are covered under Steel QCO or not.

For issuing of the said clarifications to the steel importers, the Ministry of Steel has launched a dedicated portal, known as TCQCO Portal (<https://tc-qco.steel.gov.in/tc-qco>) w.e.f. August 2020,

It is mandatory for all the steel importers to apply and seek clarification on the aforesaid dedicated portal for each & every steel consignment which is imported in the country without BIS license/ certification. It is clarified that the Ministry of Steel issues clarification for each single import consignment. In this regard it is further clarified for each & every consignment the importer need submit fresh application through TCQCO portal, unless stated otherwise in the clarification issued.

The information regarding the Technical Committee Meeting (<https://steel.gov.in/technical-committee>) and Steel Quality Control Order (<https://steel.gov.in/quality-control-orders>) are available on the Ministry of Steel's website as well as on the TCQCO Portal.

This circular clarifies the circular dated 20th December 2018 on the same subject.

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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
(Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs)

Room No. 229A, North Block,
New Delhi, Dated, 9th Nov, 2023

To

All Principal Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners (Customs/ Customs
(Preventive)/ Customs & Central Tax).

Subject: - Clarification of Ministry of Steel on applicability of Circular dated 20.10.2023 issued by Ministry of Steel mandating all the steel Importers importing steel without BIS license to apply and seek clarification from Ministry of Steel through QCO Portal for each & every imported steel consignment

Madam/ Sir,

Reference is invited to circular F.No. S-20011/14/2021-TECH dated 20.10.2023 issued of Ministry of Steel on the subject matter (copy attached).

2. In this regard, it is informed that the Ministry of Steel has further clarified that mandatory clarification is required only for steel products of those ITCHS codes which have been mapped with the Indian Standards notified under the Quality Control Order issued by Ministry of Steel.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

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New Delhi, 15th November, 2023

CAVR Order No. 02/2023-Customs

Subject: Order under rule 5 of the Customs (Assistance in Value Declaration of Identified Imported Goods) Rules, 2023 for Stainless Steel of J3 grade

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (iv) of the second proviso to sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), read with rule 5 of the Customs (Assistance in Value Declaration of Identified Imported Goods) Rules, 2023, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, hereby specifies **Stainless Steel of J3 grade** falling under **HS Codes 72191200, 72191300, 72191400, 72192390, 72193290, 72193390, 72193490, 72193590, 72199012, 72199013, 72199090, 72202029, 72202090, 72209022, 72209029 & 72209090** as identified goods under rule 10 of the said rules with the following further specifications:

- (a) Unique Quantity Code of Kilogram (kg) shall be necessarily used by the importer to declare the value in the bill of entry.
- (b) Grade of Stainless Steel being imported must be mentioned in the bill of entry.
- (c) In addition to the prescribed documents required to be submitted with the bill of entry, the importer shall also produce – (i) Manufacturer's Invoice; (ii) Mill Test Certificate of the product; (iii) Positive Material Identification (PMI) Test report; (iv) Declaration from the manufacturer that the goods are J3 stock lot/ex stock, where applicable; and (v) Purchase Order or Contract.

2. This Order shall enter into force on 29th November, 2023 and remain in force till 28th November, 2024.


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