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## Ministry of Textiles Lays Thrust on BIS Mandatory Certification by Introducing the Quality Control Orders for Technical Textiles



On 11th April 2023, the Ministry of Textiles issued a press release in regard to the ministry laying thrust on the BIS Mandatory Certification by introducing the Quality Control Orders for Technical Textiles announcing the launch of 2 Quality Control Orders for 31 items where the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) are to ensure the standard and quality of the Technical Textiles and encourage the growth of the particular industry in India.

The Ministry of Textiles announced the launch of 02 Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for 31 items consisting of 19 Geo Textiles and 12 Protective Textiles in Phase-I, following the due process of notification of Technical Regulations.

The Centre is of the opinion that it is necessary to do in the public interest to increase the standard and quality of Geo Textiles and Protective Textiles, for the protection of the environment, human health, and animal & plant life & health. Geo-textiles are used for infrastructure projects and environmental applications while Protective Textiles are used to protect human life from hazardous and adverse working conditions. QCOs will strive to provide the best value to the users and end consumers, thereby fostering Indian product quality that is comparable to global standards.

Out of the 31 items, 19 items belong to the Geo Textiles category, including Laminated High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Woven Geomembrane for Waterproof lining, PVC Geomembranes, Needle punched non-woven geobags, Polypropylene Multifilament woven geobags, Jute Geotextiles, Open Weave Coir Bhoovastra Geotextiles used in sub-grade separation in pavement structures, Geotextiles used in Subsurface Drainage Application, Geotextiles used in Sub-grade Stabilization in pavement structures, High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Geomembranes for lining, Geotextiles used as protection (or cushioning) materials, Geotextiles for permanent erosion control in hard armor systems, Geogrids for flexible pavements, Polymeric strip/geostrip used as soil reinforcement in retaining structures, Geogrids used in reinforced soil retaining structures, Reinforced HDPE membrane for effluents and chemical resistance lining, and Geocells.

The remaining 12 items are of Protective Textiles, including Curtains and Drapes, Upholstered composites used for nondomestic furniture, Protective clothing for firefighters, Protective gloves for firefighters, Protective clothing for industrial workers exposed to heat, Clothing made of limited flame spread materials and material assemblies affording protection against heat and flame, High visibility Warning Clothes, Protective Clothing for use in welding and allied processes, Tactical 3 point sling, Pouch for ammunition and grenades made of disruptive pattern nylon-66, Bullet resistant jackets, and Water-proof multipurpose rain ponchos.

These two Geo Textiles and Protective Textiles QCOs shall come into force immediately after 180 days from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. The conformity assessment requirements specified in these QCOs are equally applicable to domestic manufacturers as well as foreign manufacturers who intend to export their products to India.

Ministry of Textiles is planning to issue 02 more QCOs for 28 items in Phase II, including 22 items of Agro Textiles and 06 items of Medical Textiles. In Phase III, 30+ more Technical Textiles items may be considered for QCO issuance.

QCOs will ensure the standard and quality of Technical Textiles and encourage the growth of this industry in India in producing quality products at competitive pricing.

Official Notification Link Attached <u>Here</u>

