

PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO BIS RULES, 1987 AND BIS (CERTIFICATION) REGULATIONS, 1988

It is proposed to amend the BIS Rules, 1987 and the BIS (Certification) Regulations, 1988 to allow self declaration of conformance to the relevant Indian Standards as an alternate mechanism to the certification regime in order to facilitate the growth of emerging technologies as well as protecting consumers from spurious and sub-standards goods.

There have been demands from different industries that they may be permitted to declare an article as “conforming to the relevant Indian Standard”. The only method under the extant provisions of the Act is to declare such articles requiring compulsory marking under a licence from BIS. However, certain sections of the industry, felt that requirement of licence may result in unnecessary heavy regulatory touch. This has necessitated prescribing through rules a scheme for conformity assessment, wherein the manufacturer of an article may be permitted for self declaration of conformity to Indian Standards on articles manufactured by them. It is therefore, proposed to call this scheme “Registration Scheme”.

The proposed registration scheme has two parts:

- 1) **Compulsory Registration Scheme:** The scheme will be voluntary except where the Government makes it compulsory and prescribes accordingly in the rules.
- 2) **Voluntary Registration Scheme:** Apart from the compulsory registration scheme it is also proposed to start a voluntary scheme. This will have all the features of the compulsory scheme except that it will be open to a manufacturer to opt for it at his discretion. The rationale for this scheme is that it will give an option to those covered under the voluntary licensing scheme of BIS. In addition those manufacturers who have not taken a license in a sector covered by voluntary licensing may come to this scheme.

The detailed instructions for operation of this scheme will be determined by BIS from time to time.

This is circulated for your kind perusal and if there are any suggestions or comments on the above briefed proposed scheme then do send us your views at the earliest on the email id: administrator@apecindia.com