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Government of India  
Ministry of Steel  
Technical Division**

**Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi-110107  
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The Ministry of Steel has issued a comprehensive Steel Quality Control Order dated 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. In light of this, the Ministry now seeks to review the exemption list issued by Order dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

In view of the amendment/revision of the notified Indian Standards and the new Steel Quality Control Order dated 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, a need is felt to revisit the Exemption List of 2016. Accordingly, all the stakeholders are requested to examine the grades available in the referred Indian Standards under the new QCO and those grades available in existing Exemption List.

If the grades are included in the amended / revised Indian Standards and in the QCO, August, 2018 stakeholders are requested to obtain BIS licenses at the earliest. If the grades are still outside the purview, and the stakeholders so desire, they are requested to communicate to this Ministry for inclusion of the grades in the new Exemption List.

You are requested to send the proposals for exemption through the Associations concerned; Associations may send the representations as a consolidated proposal up to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018. The proposals inter-alia must include:

- Justifications for exemption
- Detailed chemical composition of the grades to be included in Exemption List
- Process of manufacturing of the said grades
- Areas of applications of the said grades and details of the customer requiring the material
- Other relevant information that may be relevant for decision making

**Till the new exemption list is prepared, the old exemption list shall continue to be in force unless a grade in the aforementioned list falls in any of the Indian standards mentioned in the Table of QCO dated 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.**

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