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**Government of India**  
**Technical Division**

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**CIRCULAR**

**Subject : Capability to supply various Steel grades/products to the Domestic User Industries-regarding**

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

2.0 Import from only BIS licensed sources is allowed for steel grades covered under the QCO. The decision w.r.t. the applicability of QCO on any steel grade is taken by Technical Committee constituted by M/o Steel (w.e.f. October ,2018) and exemptions thereof is given by the Empowered Committee.

3.0 Empowered Committee has identified the following grades where there is domestic demand and request for imports are being made citing various constrains. The brief description is as under:

S. No.	Description of Steel	Equivalent grade/IS	Particulars
i	Cold Rolled Bake Hardening Wider Width Steel	ISC270B of IS 513 Part 1	Thickness: 0.7 to 0.9 mm; Width : Greater than 1700 mm. Frequency : 120 Metric Ton per annum.
ii.	Hot Work / Cold Work Alloy Tool Steel Blocks	40CrMnNiMo 8-6-4 , 55NiCrMoV7, X40CrMoV5-1 of IS 3748 : 2022  X30Cr13 of IS 6603	Thickness: 200 to 800 mm; Width : 800-1500 mm; Length: 3-5 mt.; Delivery Condition : Some Pre Hardened (Quenched & Tempered) & some Annealed
iii.	Powder Metallurgy High Speed Steel Cold Drawn Flat and Round Bars	HS 6-5-3C of IS 3748 : 2022	Flat (T * W) : 22 mm to 205 mm * 108 mm to 470 mm Round :Φ 26 mm to 236 mm
iv.	Powder Metallurgy High Speed Steel Cold Drawn Flat and Round Bars	HS 6-5-3-8 of IS 3748 : 2022	Flat (T * W) : 10 mm to 155 mm * 21 mm to 260 mm Round :Φ 13 mm to 283 mm

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v.	Tinplate easy open ends and aerosol cones & domes	Raw material must conform to IS 1993 as per clause 2(4) of QCO	EOE: 300, 401, 200, 202, 209, 211, 307, 404 Cone & Dome $\Phi$ 52mm , 65 mm ( no. 202, 211)
vi.	Cold rolled non-oriented electrical steel sheets and strip-fully processed type (CRNO)	IS 648 : 2022	Thickness : 0.27 mm
vii.	Hot rolled products of structural steels (HEM Steel Section)	E 350 of IS 2062	HEM Steel Section (HEM 100 and HEM 120) of grade S 355 J2 + N for manufacturing Modular Expansion Joints which get installed in bridges. Length : 12 mt. per piece.
viii.	Vacuum Arc Remelting SS316L Grade Seamless Tubes/pipes	Raw material must conform to IS 6911 as per clause 2(3) of QCO	ASTM Sizes: Tubing- 1/8" to 6" , Fittings: • 1/4" to 6" Nominal Lengths: 20-foot, 4-meter, 6-meter Internally Electropolished: I.D. Surface Roughness Options: 5 to 10 Ra max Tube: Square ends suitable for orbital welding Pipe: Square or beveled end options
ix.	High Carbon Cold Rolled Steel Strips	120Cr35 of IS 7226: 1974	Chemistry In range of grade 120Cr35 having 1.2 $\leq$ Carbon $\leq$ 1.3 ;
x.	Strips of Soft Magnetic Iron	IS 11947	Strips having sizes in range : (40-50) mm * (3.96 - 6.40) mm * 2000 mm for end use in making Relays

**4.0** In this regard, the relevant BIS licensed steel manufacturers, capable of supplying aforementioned steel grade/products may inform their capabilities to the ministry by writing at [mos-ec@gov.in](mailto:mos-ec@gov.in) .

This will facilitate this division in better coordination and information dissemination among steel users & producers. These shall be considered when requests for exemption are made by importers.

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