Government of India
Ministry of Steel
Technical Division

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Information on Technical Committee Meetings in 4th Quarter of 2023-24

Ministry of Steel has constituted a Technical Committee for examination and analysis of the applications received for issuance of clarifications, whether the products are covered under the purview of the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2020 notified on 22nd December, 2020:

1. The 116th meeting of the Technical Committee was held on 01/02/2024. The details of the applications examined, analyzed and summary of the recommendations are as follows :

No. of applications Examined & Analyzed	No. of applications declared Outside SQCO	No. of applications found covered under SQCO	No. of Applications Rejected / Closed/ Deferred	No. of Applications with Overlapping grade	No. of Applications with grade outside scope of MoS/ TC
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2. **The next meeting is scheduled on 20/02/2024. In this regard, the following may be noted:**

- **All the applications for clarification are to be submitted through the QCO portal at URL: http://tc-qco.steel.gov.in/tc-qco. Application(s) submitted to the Ministry through the aforesaid QCO portal by 5:00 PM of 19/02/2024 shall only be considered by the Technical Committee in the upcoming Technical Committee Meeting.**

- Applicants are advised to read **"HOW TO USE QCO PORTAL"** available in the said QCO Portal to understand how applications are to be submitted.

- For applications seeking "**Clarification in Advance**", a valid and legible Copy of the Mill Test Certificates (MTC) indicating Certificate/Heat number, Specification Copy of International Standards & Company Specifications and Product Photograph must be uploaded.

- For applications in which the material is in transit, in addition to the above, legible copy of all relevant documents viz. Invoice, Bill of lading, Actual Mill Test Certificates etc. shall be submitted. In case the material reaches the port of

destination, in addition to the above documents, a Bill of Entry is also required to be submitted. In repeat cases, a copy of the previous clarifications (Previous NoC) from the Ministry of Steel must be submitted while submitting the application.

- For the applications in which raw material MTC is also required (eg. in case of pipes/tubes), applicants shall combine both raw material MTC and actual product MTC as one pdf and upload it on QCO portal while submitting the applications.

- While reapplying against the "Technically Rejected" applications, applicants are advised to address the communicated reasons for rejection properly, failing which the said applications shall be liable to permanent rejection.

- **While re-applying against the "Rejected" applications, applicants are advised to address the communicated Technical Committee (TC) Comments/reasons for rejection properly. Applicants can attach the clarification/justification against TC Comments on the company's letterhead along with the MTC document (from the manufacturing mill).**

- The clarification letters are system generated and contain the details (Grade name, B/L/Invoice/MTC no. & date etc.) as submitted by the applicant on the aforesaid portal while applying. Once generated, the said details can not be amended on the applicant's request and in that event, applicants will have to apply afresh on the portal. Therefore, applicants must practice due diligence while entering the details.

- **For expeditious processing of NOC in case of air-lifted consignments (where "Advance Clarification" with decision as "Out of Purview" has already been secured for same steel grade/ material), the applicant may send request via email on tcqco-steel@gov.in in addition to filing application for the same on portal.**

- No special requests shall be entertained.

- For any issue related to the QCO Portal, kindly mail the complete details of the problem faced at tcqco-steel@gov.in .

- For any other query please contact at: 011-23062490/ 011-23062956.

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