

## **Quality Control Order (QCO) for Textile and Technical Textile Machinery – Mandatory BIS Certification from August 28**

The Quality Control Order (QCO) issued by the Government of India mandates that specific textile and technical textile machinery products must bear the **Market Access Mark**, certifying compliance with the prescribed standards.

The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** is the designated authority responsible for overseeing this certification process.

**Effective from August 28**, only those machines that are appropriately certified and marked under the BIS framework will be permitted for sale or distribution in the Indian market.

Key highlights:

- **Import Compliance:** Indian Customs will verify the presence of proper BIS labeling and certification during the import clearance process.
- **Domestic Manufacturing:** The same compliance requirements apply to machinery manufactured within India; uncertified products will not be allowed in the market.

Manufacturers, importers, and suppliers are advised to ensure timely registration and certification of applicable machinery models to avoid disruption in market access.

For the latest list of covered products and compliance procedures, please refer to the official BIS website or reach out to the relevant regulatory liaison office.

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As per the **Machinery and Electrical Equipment Safety (Omnibus Technical Regulation) Order, 2024**, effective from **August 28, 2025**, the following textile and technical textile machinery and their components must obtain mandatory certification from the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** to be sold or imported in India.

### **Textile Machinery Covered under QCO**

1. **Weaving Machines (Looms)**  
Includes all types of weaving machines and their assemblies, sub-assemblies, and components.
2. **Embroidery Machines**  
Encompasses all types of embroidery machinery and their assemblies, sub-assemblies, and components.

### **Applicable Indian Standards**

These machines must comply with specific Indian Standards, such as

- **IS 17361 (Part 1): 2020**
- **IS 17361 (Part 6): 2020**  
These standards align with ISO 11111, focusing on safety requirements for textile machinery.

## **Compliance Requirements**

- **Certification:** Manufacturers must obtain BIS certification for the specified machinery.
- **Marking:** Certified machines must bear the Market Access Mark indicating compliance.
- **Customs Verification:** Indian customs will verify BIS certification and proper labeling for imported machinery.
- **Domestic Manufacturing:** The same requirements apply to machines manufactured within India.

## **Exemptions**

Machinery intended exclusively for export is exempt from these requirements