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REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Guidelines for implementation of Parallel Testing for products covered under Electronics and Information technology Goods (Requirements of Compulsory registration Order), 2021

Guidelines for parallel testing was issued on 19 December 2022 for Mobile Phones as a pilot project for a period of six months. Thereafter, due to low inflow of applications, the pilot project was extended further along with addition of two more product categories (a) Wireless Earphone and headphone (b) Laptop/Notebook/tablet.

Based on the stakeholders' consultation and consent from the Regulator, it has now been decided to convert the pilot project into a permanent scheme.

This circular is issued for conversion of the pilot project into a permanent scheme. Manufacturers can generate test request(s) under parallel testing for **all product categories under Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements of Compulsory registration Order), 2021** from the date of issue of this circular.

- 1) This guideline will enable parallel testing of electronic products covered under the Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS) of BIS. These guidelines are **voluntary in nature** and the manufacturers will still have option for submitting application sequentially to BIS for registration as per the existing procedure.
- 2) All the components which require Registration under CRS can be sent for testing in parallel at any of BIS labs /BIS recognized labs. Under parallel testing, the lab will test the first component & issue test report. This test report no. along-with name of lab will be mentioned in the test report of second component. This procedure will be followed for subsequent components & final product also.
- 3) The registration of the components will be done sequentially by BIS.
- 4) At the time of submission of sample to lab as well as submission of application to BIS for registration, the manufacturer would give an undertaking covering the following requirements:
 - (i) The Manufacturer will bear the total risk (including the cost) in this procedure, i.e. in case, any of the applications is rejected/not processed at a later stage by BIS due to failure of sample in testing or submission of incomplete test report, the decision of BIS will be final;
 - (ii) The Manufacturer shall not supply / sell /manufacture the product in market without having valid registration;
 - (iii) The Manufacturer shall get the CCL updated immediately after getting the product(s) registered with BIS; and
 - (iv) Each manufacturer will have the responsibility to use components with relevant registration (R-no.) in case the component is covered in CRS.

- 5) The responsibility of linking an application with that of the previously submitted application in the chain shall vest with the manufacturer.

An example of procedure to be followed is given below for the purpose of illustration of the parallel testing:

A manufacturer of mobile phone requires cell, battery and power adapter for manufacturing the end product. All these components require Registration under CRS can be sent for testing in parallel at any of BIS labs /BIS recognized labs.

- (i) BIS lab/BIS recognized labs can initiate testing of battery without R-number of cell. The lab will mention the test report no. along-with the name of lab (in place of R-Number of cell) in the final test report of the battery;
- (ii) Similarly, the lab can initiate the testing of Mobile Phone without R-number of cell, battery & adaptor. The lab will mention the test report number(s) & name(s) of the lab for these components in the final test report of the mobile phone.
- (iii) The lab shall evaluate the test report of the cell and issue the test report of the battery. Similarly, lab shall evaluate the test report of battery and adaptor before issuing the test report of Mobile phone.
- (iv) The manufacturer can submit the applications in parallel for getting the components registered.
- (v) However, BIS will follow sequential grant of licence i.e. the licence for mobile phone will be processed by BIS only after getting registration of all the components involved in the manufacturing of the final product (i.e. in this case mobile phones)

This circular comes into force with immediate effect.

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