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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE)**

ORDER

New Delhi, dated April, 2025

S.O.----- (E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 read with section 17 and sub-section (3) of section 25 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (11 of 2016), the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary so to do in the public interest and after consulting the Bureau, hereby makes the following Order, namely: -

1. Short title and commencement.--- (1) This Order may be called the Reinforcement Couplers for Mechanical Splices (Quality Control) Order, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Compulsory use of Standard Mark .--- Goods or articles specified in column (2) of the Table shall conform to the corresponding entry specified in column (3) of the Table and shall bear the Standard Mark under a licence from the Bureau as per Scheme-I of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 from the date of implementation specified in the corresponding entry under column (5) of the Table:

Provided that the micro enterprises and small enterprise, as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (27 of 2006) shall conform to such Indian Standards from the date of implementation specified in the corresponding entry under columns (6) and (7) of the Table respectively:

Provided further that nothing in this Order shall apply for 200 numbers of goods or articles imported for the purpose of research and development by manufacturers of Reinforcement Couplers per year with the condition that such imported goods and articles shall not be sold commercially and can be disposed of as a scrap and the manufacturer shall maintain a year-wise record of such goods or articles and furnish to the Central Government:

Provided also that nothing in this Order shall apply to goods or articles manufactured domestically for export.

3. Certification and Enforcement Authority .-- The Bureau shall be the certifying and enforcing authority for the goods or articles specified in column (2) of the said Table.

4. Penalty for Contravention .-- Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Order shall be punishable under the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

TABLE

Sl.	Goods or articles	Indian Standard	Title of Indian Standard	Date of implementation in General (other than Micro and Small Enterprises)	Date of implementation for Small Enterprises	Date of implementation for Micro Enterprises
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Reinforcement Couplers for Mechanical Splices of Steel Bars in Concrete	IS 16172:2023	Reinforcement Couplers for Mechanical Splices of Steel Bars in Concrete	Six months from the date of publication of this order	Nine months from the date of publication of this order	Twelve months from the date of publication of this order

Note.---For the purposes of this Table, the latest version of Indian Standard including the amendments thereof, as notified by the Bureau of Indian Standards from time to time, shall apply.

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