

AMENDMENT NO. 2 MARCH 2000
TO
IS 303 : 1989 PLYWOOD FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
— SPECIFICATION

(Third Revision)

(Second cover page, Foreword) — Insert the following after fifth para as a separate para:

'A scheme of labelling environment friendly products to be known as ECO Mark has been introduced at the instance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MEF), Government of India. The ECO Mark shall be administered by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the BIS Act, 1986 as per the Resolution No. 71 dated 21 February 1991 and Resolution No. 425 dated 28 October 1992 published in the Gazette of the Government of India. For a product to be eligible for ECO Mark, it shall also carry the Standard Mark of the BIS besides meeting additional environment friendly requirements. For this purpose, the Standard Mark of BIS would be a single mark being a combination of the ISI Mark and the Eco logo. Requirements to be satisfied for a product to qualify for the BIS Standard Mark for Eco friendliness, will be included in the relevant published Indian Standards through an amendment. These requirements will be optional; manufacturing units will be free to opt for ISI Mark alone also.

The amendment pertaining to Eco criteria is based on the Gazette Notification No. 170 dated 18 May 1996 for Wood Substitutes as Environment Friendly Products published in the Gazette of the Government of India.'

(Page 1, clause 6.1) — Insert the following at the end of the clause:

'For ECO Mark only species of wood from sources other than natural forests such as wood from rubber, coconut, cashew, industrial and social forestry plantations etc and shade trees from tea and coffee estates shall be used for the manufacture of plywood.'

(Page 3, clause 10.1) — Substitute 'IS 7638:1999' for 'IS 7638:1975'.

(Page 4, clause 11.6) — Insert the following new clause after 11.6 and renumber the subsequent clauses:

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1.12 OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ECO MARK

12.1 General Requirements

12.1.1 The plywood shall conform to the requirements of quality and performance as specified in this standard.

12.1.2 The manufacturer shall produce to BIS environmental consent clearance from the concerned State Pollution Control Board as per the provisions of the *Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974* and the *Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981* and the *Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977* alongwith the authorization, if required under the *Environment (Protection) Act, 1986*, while applying for ECO Mark appropriate with enforced rules and regulations of Forest Department.

12.2 Specific Requirements

The plywood shall conform to the specific requirements given for ECO Mark under relevant clauses of the standard.

NOTE — The manufacturer shall provide documentary evidence by way of certificate or declaration to Bureau of Indian Standards while applying for ECO Mark.'

(Page 4, renumbered clause 13.1) — Insert the following matter under the clause:

'e) The criteria for which the plywood has been labelled as ECO Mark.'

(Page 4, renumbered clause 14.1) — Insert the following at the end of the clause:

'For ECO Mark the material used for packaging of the plywood shall be recyclable, reusable or biodegradable.'

(Page 4, Annex A) — Substitute 'IS 7638:1999 Wood/Lignocellulosic based panel products — Methods of sampling (*second revision*)' for 'IS 7638 : 1975 Methods of sampling of plywood'.

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