

केन्द्रीय मुहर विभाग -2

संदर्भ- : के मू वी-2/16: 3401

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विषय: **IS 3401:2023** के **revision** के अनुपालन के दिशा निर्देश

यह उपरोक्त विषय के संदर्भ में है।

सक्षम अधिकारी द्वारा अनुमोदित दिशा निर्देश अनुपालन हेतु संलग्न है ।

अनुरोध है कि दिशा निर्देशों का तत्काल प्रभाव से अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करें।

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CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT-2

Our Ref: CMD-2/16: 3401

11 12 2023

Subject: Guidelines for implementation of Revised IS 3401:2023

This has reference to the subject mentioned above.

The Competent Authority has approved the enclosed Guidelines for implementation.

It is requested to ensure the implementation of the above Guidelines with immediate effect.

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CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT-2

Our Ref: CMD-2/16: 3401

11 12 2023

Subject: Guideline for Implementation of revised IS 3401:2023 (Silica Gel Specification)

1. Silica Gel Specification as per IS 3401 : 1992 has been revised to Silica Gel Specification as per IS 3401 : 2023.
2. Silica Gel Specification as per IS 3401 : 2023 is currently under voluntary certification with 1 Licence for the product in operation.
3. IS 3401 : 1992 and IS 3401 : 2023 are under concurrent running till 2nd February 2024 and the last date for implementation of revised IS 3401 : 2023 is 2nd February 2024
4. The major changes in the standard on account of the revision are given in the table below for the purpose of general guidance. BOs shall ensure that the product conforms to all the requirements, as applicable, as per the revised Indian Standard:

Sl no	Clause No	Change
1.	Table 1, Clause 4.8 and E-5.3.1)	Instrumental test methods for the determination of chlorides and sulphates have been added as alternate test methods. Further, all amendments have been incorporated.

5. The existing Product manual has been revised to incorporate the changes due to the revised IS and it is being circulated separately, through BIS website, as Product Manual Doc: PM/IS 3401/2 Dec 2023.
6. The guidelines for implementation of the revised IS are as given below:

A. LICENSEES:

- (i) The licensee shall implement the revised Indian Standard by 2nd February 2024. Any difficulty in implementation shall be brought to the notice of CMD-2 within 30 days from the date of issuance of these guidelines. BO shall ensure that the Licence is not under operation as per IS 3401:1992 (old standard) after 2nd February 2024. The status of implementation of the revised Indian Standard shall be confirmed by Head (BO) to CMD-II within two weeks of the last date of implementation of concurrent running.
- (ii) There is no change in the prescribed requirement. Only instrumental test methods for the determination of chlorides and sulphates have been added as alternate test methods. Further, all amendments have been incorporated. Hence, no upgradation in the manufacturing infrastructure by the manufacturer is required. Upgradation in the testing infrastructure, if desired by the manufacturer, may be declared by Licensee in Form no 2.
- (iii) No change in the scope is ensued consequent to the implementation of the revised IS.
- (iv) Verification of implementation of the revised IS, shall be done during next visit, within 30 days of confirmation of implementation of the revised standard by licensee
- (v) If the Licensee fails to complete all actions by 2nd February 2024, it shall be dealt with as per the prevailing guidelines.

B. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE:

- (i) Existing Applications where Sample has been submitted in the Laboratory/Test Report has been issued by the Laboratory may be processed as per the old standard or the revised standard. However, if the Applicant is desirous of considering the Application, as per the revised IS, a declaration may be obtained from the Applicant to that effect and the Application may be processed accordingly. An undertaking shall also be obtained from such Applicants that if the sample fails while considering the provisions of the revised IS, Licence will not be granted by BIS as per the old version.
- (ii) Applications which are recorded henceforth may be processed as per the old standard / the revised Standard. Processing of Applications as per the old Standard, shall be permitted only upto 2nd February 2024. For such cases Applicant shall give a declaration that they will implement the revised Standard by 2nd February 2024.
- (iii) Beyond 2nd February 2024 no Licence shall be granted as per IS 3401: 1992.

C. CHANGE IN SCOPE OF LICENCE:

- i) For change in scope of licence, the relevant provisions as given above for Applicants shall apply.
 - ii) However, processing of such applications for change in scope of licence as per the old Standard shall be permitted only up to the date of implementation of the revised Standard.
7. BOs are requested to circulate this guideline to licensees and applicants immediately within 7 days of issuance of this circular.
8. The above guidelines come into force with immediate effect.

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Circulated to:

- i) All RO/BOs
- ii) All other concerned - through BIS intranet