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सभी शाखा कार्यालयों से आग्रह है कि संलग्न गाइडलाइन का अनुपालन तत्काल प्रभाव से सुनिश्चित करें।

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CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT-III

Our Ref: CMD-3/16: IS 18508

30 June 2026

Subject: Guidelines for implementation of revised Indian Standard IS 18508: 2026 – “Chipboard Screws”

This has reference to the subject mentioned above.

BOs may kindly ensure implementation of the attached guidelines with immediate effect.

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1. IS 18508: 2024 has been revised and published as IS 18508: 2026. **The last date for implementation of the revised Standard is 23 August 2026.**
2. All BOs shall inform the Applicants and Licensees under their jurisdiction about implementation of the revised Standard **within a week of issuance of these guidelines.**
3. The significant changes brought through this revision as listed in the Table is given for the purpose of general guidance. BOs shall ensure that the product conforms to all the requirements, as applicable, as per the revised Standard.

Sl. No.	Cl. Ref.	Changes in Revised Standard	Actions required from existing licensees/BOs
1.	Cl. 5, Table 4 Requirements	Requirements of non-ferrous Chipboard screws have been deleted	Scope shall be reviewed by licensees and BOs in line with revised scope
2.	Cl. 3 Symbols	Reference to IS 8535 removed and symbols are defined as part of the standard.	No action required
3.	Cl. 4, Fig 1 Dimensions	Figure 1 on ‘Dimensions’ has been revised. Fully threaded chipboard screws, partially threaded chipboard screws, Type H and Type Z Cross Recess have been clearly defined.	Conformity to new and modified requirements shall be established by licensee either through in-house or TPT lab test report, as applicable.
4.	Cl.6 Hardness	Hardness requirements for steel screws have been revised and hardness requirements for stainless steel screws have been added.	
5.	Cl. 7, Table 5 Torque Testing	Breaking torque requirements for steel screws have been revised and breaking torque requirements for stainless steel screws have been added. Test method has been modified.	

4. Consequent upon revision of the Standard, existing Product Manual has also been revised as **PM/IS 18508/2/June 2026**. In this revision, changes have been made in Scope of licence, Grouping Guidelines & Scheme of Inspection and Testing.
5. The guidelines for implementation of the revised Standard is given below:

A. LICENSEES:

- (i) All Licensees shall implement the revised Standard by **23 August 2026**. Any difficulty in implementation shall be brought to the notice of CMD III within 30 days of issuance of these guidelines. BOs shall ensure that no Licences are under operation as per the old Standard after **23 August 2026**. The status of implementation of the revised Standard shall be confirmed by Head (BO) to CMD-III within two weeks of the last date of concurrent running.

- (ii) In order to establish conformity to revised Standard, licensee shall submit in-house or independent test report, as applicable, of the product to **new and modified requirements** [*Dimensions (Cl. 4), Hardness (Cl.6) and Torque Testing (Cl. 7)*], as applicable to the varieties covered, as evidence of conformity to the revised Standard.
- (iii) Verification of implementation of the revised Standard, shall be done during the next visit **which shall be completed within one month from the date of submission of compliance by licensee.**
- (iv) If the Licensee fails to complete all actions by **23 August 2026**, 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. However, if the Applicant is desirous of considering the application as per the revised Standard, 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 Standard, Licence will not be granted as per the old version.
- (ii) Applications which are recorded henceforth may be processed as per old or revised Standard. Processing of Applications as per the old Standard shall be permitted only up to **23 August 2026** and for such cases Applicant shall give a declaration that they will implement the revised Standard by **23 August 2026**.
- (iii) Beyond **23 August 2026**, no Licence shall be granted without consideration of the revised Standard.

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 old Standard shall be permitted only upto the date of implementation of the revision by the licensee or up to **23 August 2026**, whichever is earlier.

6. The above guidelines come into force with immediate effect.

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