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विषय : पुनरीक्षित आई एस 303:2024 के अनुपालन के लिए दिशानिर्देश ।

इसमें ऊपर उल्लिखित विषय का संदर्भ है।

सभी शाखा कार्यालय से आग्रह है कि गाइडलाईन का अनुपालन तत्काल प्रभाव से सुनिश्चित करें।

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Our Ref: CMD-III/16 : IS 303

03 July 2024

Subject: Guidelines for implementation of revised IS 303:2024 - 'Plywood for General Purpose'

This has reference to the subject mentioned above.

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

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CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT III

Our Ref: CMD-III/16 : IS 303

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Subject: Guidelines for implementation of revised IS 303:2024 - 'Plywood for General Purpose'

1. IS 303:1989 has been revised as IS 303:2024 and has been published. The last date for implementation of the revised Standard is **14 Feb 2025** after which the old Standard shall stand withdrawn.
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 in the revised Standard 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.

Sr No	Major changes in revised Indian Standard	Action required from existing licensee for implementation
1.	Material clause for timber has been modified (Cl 6.1)	No action reqd from existing licensee
2.	BWP (Boiling Water Proof) Grade has been added. (Cl 4.1)	No action reqd from existing varieties of licensee.
3.	Each grade of plywood has been classified based on Formaldehyde class. (Cl 4.2)	Declaration w.r.t. formaldehyde class is reqd. Scope of licence shall be modified.
4.	The clause on extender has been modified (Cl 6.2.1)	Declaration is reqd from existing licensees.
5.	Dimension related clause has been modified (Cl 8 & table 3)	Declaration wrt dimensions of plywood is required to be submitted. In-house FTR indicting conformity to this requirement is reqd to be submitted.
6.	Mycological test is now applicable for all grades (Cl 11.3.2)	No action is required from licensees with MR grade. However, licensees with BWR grade are required to ensure conformity to the requirements through in-house FTR/ outside TR.
7.	Modulus of Rupture (MOR) and Modulus of Elasticity (MOE) requirements have been modified. Now this test is applicable only for plywood of thickness 6mm and above. (Cl 11.5)	Licensees are required to ensure conformity to this requirement through in-house FTR/ outside TR.

8.	Requirements for formaldehyde content for oven dry board has been added (CI 11.6)	Licensees are required to ensure conformity to this requirement through in-house FTR/ outside TR.
9.	Requirements for formaldehyde content for the steady-state formaldehyde emission (optional) has been added (CI 11.7)	Licensees intending to carry out this optional requirement are required to submit conformity to this requirement through in-house FTR/ outside TR.
10.	Marking clause has been modified (CI 13)	Confirmation on implementation of revised marking from manufacturer is to be submitted.
11.	Provision for usage of any other type of preservative treatment has been included. (CI 7.1.1.4)	Existing licensees are required to submit declaration with details of type of preservative treatment given to plywood or veneer in case they intend to give any other type of preservative treatment than the existing preservative treatment.

4. Consequent upon the issuance of the revised Standard, existing Product Manual has been revised as Doc: **PM/IS 303/3/June 2024**.

5. The guidelines for implementation of the revised Standard is given below:

A. LICENSEES:

(i) All Licensees shall implement the revised Standard by **14 Feb 2025**. Any difficulty in the 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 in operation as per the old Standard after **14 Feb 2025**. 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) Licensees shall submit the declarations required as per Clause 4.2, 6.2.1, 7.1.1.4, 8 & 11.7 of IS 303:2024. Licensees shall also provide the evidence of conformity to the requirements given at Clause 8, 11.3.2, 11.5 & 11.6 of IS 303:2024 through In-house/Independent Test Reports. Licensee shall also to submit the declaration of additional testing capabilities as per the new version of the Standard. Verification of implementation of the revised Standard shall be done through a surveillance visit, which shall be completed within six months from the date of implementation. During such visit, additional test facilities shall be verified and reported.

(iii) On receipt of confirmation on the implementation of IS 303:2024 from the manufacturer, endorsement shall be issued with revised scope of licence as per the revised Product Manual.

(iv) If the Licensee fails to complete all actions by **14 Feb 2025**, 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 in new test requirements, 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 or the revised Standard. Processing of Applications as per the old Standard shall be permitted only upto **14 Feb 2025** and for such cases, Applicant shall give a declaration that they will implement the revised Standard by **14 Feb 2025**.

(iii) Beyond **14 Feb 2025** no Licence shall be granted as per the old 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 the old Standard shall be permitted only upto the date of implementation of the revised Standard or upto **14 Feb 2025** whichever is earlier.

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

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