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**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: All the steel importers importing steel without BIS license to mandatorily apply and seek clarification from Ministry of Steel through QCO Portal for each & every imported steel consignment.**

The Ministry of Steel has notified Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order under the BIS Act, 2016. Periodically the Ministry issues such QCO orders to cover more grades of steel and related products.

The Quality Control Order mandates that all the steel products imported into the country must be having BIS license / certification and accompanied with Mill Test Certificate and be marked with ISI and BIS license number.

For smooth implementation of the Quality Control Order, the Ministry of Steel has constituted a Technical Committee (w.e.f. October 2018) for examination and analysis of the application(s) received for issuance of clarification, whether the product(s) which are being imported without BIS certification are covered under Steel QCO or not.

For issuing of the said clarifications to the steel importers, the Ministry of Steel has launched a dedicated portal, known as TCQCO Portal (<https://tc-qco.steel.gov.in/tc-qco>) w.e.f. August 2020,

It is mandatory for all the steel importers to apply and seek clarification on the aforesaid dedicated portal for each & every steel consignment which is imported in the country without BIS license/ certification. It is clarified that the Ministry of Steel issues clarification for each single import consignment. In this regard it is further clarified for each & every consignment the importer need submit fresh application through TCQCO portal, unless stated otherwise in the clarification issued.

The information regarding the Technical Committee Meeting (<https://steel.gov.in/technical-committee>) and Steel Quality Control Order (<https://steel.gov.in/quality-control-orders>) are available on the Ministry of Steel's website as well as on the TCQCO Portal.

This circular clarifies the circular dated 20th December 2018 on the same subject.

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