

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

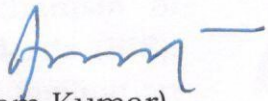
**Subject : Domestic PPE Coverall for COVID-19 manufacturing under BIS  
licensing - reg**  
**Ref : This office even letter number dated 06-04-2020, 22-04-2020,  
and 08-06-2020**

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The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 6.4.2020 and 22.4.2020 on the subject cited above and to say that Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has issued the Indian Standards IS:17423:2020 for "Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Coveralls for COVID-19". The present interim arrangement introduced for certification of PPE Coveralls by designated laboratories vide this Ministry's letter with above references, will now be switched over to the institutional mechanism of certification and licensing regime through Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). This will bring in a streamlined production, quality assurance and facilitation mechanism in accordance with IS:17423:2020.

- 2.0 The procedure for switchover to the IS 17423:2020 of BIS are outlined below;
- 2.1 Registration process of the Manufacturers for licensing under IS 17423 has commenced for which the detailed procedure order will be issued by BIS, and it will be available for view on BIS official website.
- 2.2 Five laboratories (out of the ten laboratories approved for conducting tests of PPE Coveralls for COVID-19) are designated for performing tests in respect of samples to be sent by BIS, required in connection with the licensing procedure. These are The South India Textile Research Association (SITRA) (Coimbatore), Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) (Ghaziabad), Textiles Committee (Mumbai), Metal and Steel Factory (Ishapore), Ordnance Factory, Kanpur. The above laboratories will not receive samples directly from any Manufacturer, hereafter. However, proto-type samples already received from Manufacturer earlier, and awaiting testing and certification, will be completed within a reasonable period of time. All Certificates issued by the laboratories for PPE Coveralls during the CoVID-19 outbreak will expire after switch over to the BIS regime.

- 2.3 The other five laboratories namely Institute of Nuclear Medical & Allied Sciences (INMAS) (New Delhi), Heavy Vehicles Factory (Avadi), Small Arms Factory (Kanpur), Ordnance Factory (Muradnagar), Ordnance Factory (Ambarnath) will conduct pre-despatch testing of samples received from HLL and other procurement agencies. (Proto-type samples already received from Manufacturer earlier, and awaiting testing and certification, will be completed within a reasonable period of time. These Certificates, however, will expire after the switch over to the BIS regime.)
- 2.4 The laboratories designated for BIS sample testing have to fulfil the BIS Laboratory Recognition Procedure.
- 2.5 After switch over to BIS regime, Advisory may be issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to all concerned advising use of PPE Coveralls for COVID-19 from BIS licensees only.
- 2.6 The progress with regard to the above will be monitored and coordinated closely by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Textiles and BIS for a smooth transition.

  
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