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Background

The chemical law **Chemicals (Management and Safety) Rules 20xx** (ICMSR) is on hold. Once it comes into force, the ICMSR will regulate Substances, Substances in Mixture, Substance in Articles, and Intermediates that are manufactured, imported, or placed in the Indian Territory. Notification and registration of substances are required. This report gives a summary on news updates on India in 2022.

Key news from 2022

Indian Standards

Since 2018, 63 chemicals have been added to the BIS compulsory list. Out of these 63 chemicals, 25 have been implemented. In 2023, 38 chemicals will be implemented according to various deadlines. Some of them are delayed from year 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The announcement comes under the Quality Control Orders (QCOs).

Once the chemicals are included in the BIS list, manufacturers, traders, and importers will need BIS certification to be permitted to operate and they must carry the relevant BIS standards specification mark on the packaging and labels of their products.

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58 Chemicals considered to be added to BIS list

58 chemicals that are regulated under the Rotterdam Convention are considered to be added to the BIS compulsory list. Since 2018, 63 chemicals have been added to the BIS Scheme I or the compulsory list.

Out of these 63 chemicals, 25 have been implemented. In 2023, 38 chemicals will be implemented according to various deadlines. Once the chemicals are included in the BIS list, manufacturers, traders, and importers will need BIS certification to be permitted to operate and they must carry the relevant BIS standards specification mark on the packaging and labels of their products.

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93 Chemical related products that may require compulsory certification

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) proposed a list with a total of 93 chemical products that are under consideration for compulsory certification in a Stakeholders Consultation Meeting with industry associations and manufacturers of Chemical products in December 2022.

[Read more.](#)

Extended Producer Responsibility Initiatives

E-Waste (Management) Rules

The draft E-Waste (Management) Rules were published in the Gazette of India on 20 May 2022. The Rules will replace the current E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016 and is expected to come into force on 1 April 2023.

The Rules provide a legal basis for the reduction of hazardous chemicals used in a wide range of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE). The rules will affect manufacturers, producers, refurbishers, dismantlers, and recyclers. Entities must register on the portal and no entity can carry business without registration.

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Battery Waste Management Rules

The Indian Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change published the Battery Waste Management Rule, 2022, replacing the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001.

The rules cover all types of batteries such as electric vehicle batteries, portable batteries, automotive batteries, and industrial batteries.

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New Policy for Medical Devices

The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) released the latest draft of the National Policy for medical devices for public consultation. It proposes regulations to ease patent processes, streamline regulatory clearances, and establish a single-window clearance system for the licensing of medical devices.

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Plastic Waste Management Rules amended

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change published the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, amending the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, in February 2022. The Rules affect importers, brand owners and plastic waste processors. Companies have to register in the centralized portal developed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). According to the new Rules, single-use plastic items are prohibited from 1 July 2022.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

International Chemical Safety Cards

The Indian Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to adapt the International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSC) used for information dissemination to Chemical Industry.

Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

Electric Vehicle testing mandatory from 2023

The Ministry of Heavy Industries of India issued a notice regarding electric vehicle test criteria in November 2022. From 1 April 2023 a number of tests that are performed internationally will become mandatory.

[Read more here.](#)

Key dates for 2023

Below you find a list of chemicals that require BIS compulsory certification in 2023.

Time	Chemical
February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aniline • Morpholine • Methanol • Acetic Acid
March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polyurethanes • p-Xylene • Sodium Tripolyphosphate, Anhydrous, Technical • Acetone • Potassium Carbonate, Anhydrous • Beta Picoline • Gamma Picoline • Pyridine • Vinyl Chloride Monomer • Polycarbonate • Ethylene Dichloride • Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)

Time	Chemical
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acrylonitrile • Maleic Anhydride, Technical • Styrene (Vinyl Benzene) • Hydrogenated Rice Bran Fatty Acids • Coconut Fatty Acids • Rice Bran Fatty Acids • Palm Fatty Acids • Acid Oil • Lauric Acid • Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) Copolymers • Linear Alkyl Benzene • Synthetic Micro-Fibres for use in Cement Based Matrix • Polyethylene Material for moulding and extrusion • Polyester Staple Fibres (PSF) • Polyester Partially Oriented Yarn (POY) • Polyester Industrial Yarn (IDY) • Polyester Continuous Filament Fully Drawn Yarn (FDY) • 100 Percent Polyester Spun Grey and White Yarn (PSY)
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethyl Acrylate • Methyl Acrylate • Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) • Vinyl Acetate Monomer



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