India introduces 115 new quality control orders covering 493 products to increase exports

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said that a total of 115 Quality Control Orders (QCOs) covering 493 products have been notified for compulsory BIS certification by the Union Government.

Ministry wise proposed QCOs

Ministry/Department	Indian Standards
D/o Promotion for Industry and Internal Trade	317
D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals	161
M/o Textiles	67
M/o Steel	27
D/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	24
D/o Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	15
M/o Labour and Employment	8

Ministry wise proposed QCOs

Ministry/Department	Indian Standards
M/o Mines	7
D/o Animal Husbandry and Dairying	5
M/o Power	8
M/o New and Renewable Energy	1
M/o Petroleum and Natural Gas	1
D/o Heavy Industries	1
M/o Women and Child Development	1
Total	**643**

Goyal also added that the government is looking for new areas such as drone industry to implement standard controls. As per the government, compliance with this standard will ensure the drone is compatible with agrochemicals.

"This standard would ensures the design and maintenance requirements such as requirements of Control & Stability, Propulsion system, Flight control system, Geo-fencing, the performance of various subsystems such as Control Systems, Mission Profile, Software under various environmental conditions of temperature, pressure, humidity, rain, vibration."

"Artificial Intelligence is also being used on whichever sectors in which you need to focus more. For example, when we arrived, we did a big outreach on the helmets that are used by soldiers. And we found so many manufacturers work providing sub-quality helmets. Similarly, we did on pressure cookers. We did a similar campaign on pressure cookers, which is related to the safety of our people working in kitchens," he added.

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