

Footwear cos to comply with quality norms from next mth

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New Delhi: The government said on Monday that large and medium-scale footwear manufacturers and all importers will have to comply with the mandatory quality standards for 24 footwear and related products from July 1. The move is aimed at curbing sub-standard imports from countries like China and to ensure that people get best quality products.

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) chief Pramod Kumar Tiwari said, "No further extension will be provided. This quality control order (QCO) will ensure domestic production of quality footwear and check sub-standard imports." The government has said that for small-scale footwear makers, the deadline is January 1, 2024 and for the micro footwear industry, the mandatory quality standards will be applicable from July 1, 2024.

The 24 footwear products on which the quality standards will apply include rubber gum boots, PVC sandals, rubber hawai chappals, slippers, moulded plastic footwear, footwear used for municipal scavenging work; sports footwear, derby shoes and anti-riot shoes, moulded solid rubber soles and heels.