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A HANDBOOK ON QCO FOR FURNITURE INDUSTRY

Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025

Including Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026

Applicable Furniture Standards

IS 17631:2022 | IS 17632:2022 | IS 17633:2022

IS 17634:2022 | IS 17635:2022 | IS 17636:2021

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1. Introduction by Ornate

With deep expertise in technical regulations, Quality Control Orders (QCOs), BIS certifications, customs advisory, and regulatory compliance, Ornate Quality Services Pvt. Ltd. provides comprehensive solutions to help businesses meet regulatory requirements and access the Indian market with confidence.

We specialize in a wide range of conformity assessment, certification, and regulatory compliance activities, including:

Product Certification (ISI Mark)
Foreign Manufacturers' Certification Scheme (FMCS)
Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS) for Electronic & IT Products
WPC / ETA
BEE Registration & Compliance
EPR Registration & Compliance
CE & other international certifications
Hallmarking of Precious Metals / Jewellery
Quality Control Order (QCO) compliance
Customs & Regulatory Advisory
Market Access & Regulatory Compliance

We provide end-to-end support, from initial consultation and regulatory assessment to documentation, application preparation, testing coordination, certification, authority correspondence, and post-certification compliance.

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With a client-focused approach, Ornate provides customized and practical regulatory solutions designed to simplify complex compliance requirements, reduce regulatory risks, and support smooth market entry and continued business operations.

Our objective is to serve as a single-window compliance partner, providing reliable, efficient, and cost-effective solutions while maintaining a strong focus on quality, transparency, and regulatory excellence.

From consultation to certification — Ornate makes compliance simple.

2. Understanding BIS and the Regulatory Framework

BIS is the National Standard Body of India established under the BIS Act 2016 for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. BIS has been providing traceability and tangibility benefits to the national economy in a number of ways – providing safe, reliable, quality goods; minimizing health hazards to consumers; promoting exports and imports substitute; control over proliferation of varieties etc. through standardization, certification and testing.

The Product Certification Scheme of BIS under Conformity Assessment aims to provide third-party assurance of quality, safety and reliability of products to the customers. Presence of ISI Mark on a product assures its conformity to Indian Standard.

The Product Certification Scheme of BIS is open to all domestic and foreign manufacturers who wish to demonstrate conformity of their goods to the relevant Indian Standard. The scheme is generally voluntary in nature.

For the goods notified by the Government of India under its various Technical Regulations (Regulatory Framework), compliance to relevant Indian Standards is mandatory. To this extent, the manufacturers, whether Indian or foreign, have to demonstrate conformity of their goods to the relevant Indian Standard under a valid licence from BIS for ensuring compliance to the concerned Technical Regulations. This is essentially “Mandatory BIS Certification”. The goods covered under “Mandatory BIS Certification”, whether manufactured in India or to be brought into India from outside, can not be manufactured, stored, transported or sold in India without a valid licence from BIS.

3. Furniture QCOs – What Manufacturers Need to Know

For the Furniture items notified by the DPIIT (The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India under the Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025 compliance to relevant Indian Standards is mandatory. The manufacturers, whether Indian or foreign, have to demonstrate conformity of their goods to the relevant Indian Standard under a valid licence from BIS for ensuring compliance to the Regulatory Framework. The goods covered under “Mandatory BIS Certification”, whether manufactured in India or brought into India from outside, can not be manufactured, stored, transported or sold in India without a valid licence from BIS. Ornate helps manufacturers to gain market access through Regulatory Framework.



4. Furniture Standards Explained

Sr. No.	Indian Standard	Title	QCO Name
1.	IS 17631:2022 (1 Amendment)	Work Chairs	i) Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025 ii) Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026
2.	IS 17632:2022 (1 Amendment)	General Purpose Chairs and Stools	
3.	IS 17633:2022 (1 Amendment)	Tables and Desks	
4.	IS 17634:2022 (1 Amendment)	Storage Units	
5.	IS 17635:2022 (1 Amendment)	Beds	
6.	IS 17636:2021	Bunk Beds	

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5. Testing Requirements for Furniture Products

❖ IS 17631:2022 Work Chairs

1. Scope (Cl. 1): This standard applies to completely manufactured, fabricated and ready-to-assemble Work Chairs. This covers both revolving and non-revolving Work Chairs as well as Reclining Chairs.

2. Design and Workmanship (Cl. 4): Design and Model to be declared by the manufacturer. Workmanship requirements include freedom from burrs, sharp edges, stain etc.

3. Dimensions (Cl. 5): Dimensions have to be as per IS 3663 Dimensions for Tables and Chairs for Office Purposes. Any other dimensions may also be used.

4. Raw Material Requirements (Cl. 6): Test Requirements for fabric and leather (synthetic and natural) surfaces have been specified to meet the minimum performance requirements as per IS 17637 Performance Requirements of Surface Finishes for Furniture Applications.

5. Safety Requirements (Cl. 7)

i) Stability Test: Test requirements for Front Edge Overturning, Forwards overturning, Forwards Overturning for Chairs with Foot Rest, Sideways Overturning for Chairs without Arm Rests, Sideways Overturning for Chairs with Arm Rests, Rearwards Overturning for Chairs without Back Rest Inclination and Rearwards Overturning for Chairs with Back Rest Inclination (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage, no deformation, no overturning, no fracture, no breakage and no loosening of joints.

ii) Strength Tests: Test requirements for Seat Front Edge Static Load Test, Combined Seat and Back Static Load Test, Arm Rest Downward Static Load Test, Arm Rest Downward Static Load Test – Front, Arm Rest Sideways Static Load Test and Foot Rest Static Load Test (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage, no deformation, no overturning, no fracture, no breakage and no loosening of joints.

iii) Durability Tests: Test requirements include Seat and Back Durability, Arm Rest Durability, Swivel Test, Foot Rest Durability and Castor and Chair-Base Durability (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage, no deformation, no overturning, no fracture, no breakage and no loosening of joints.

6. Marking (Cl. 9): Brand name or trade mark, Date of Manufacturing, Design/ Model number, Batch number and BIS certification marking details post grant of licence.

❖ IS 17632:2022 General Purpose Chairs and Stools

1. Scope (Cl.1): This standard applies to completely manufactured, fabricated and ready-to-assemble Chairs and Stools. This covers specifications for general-purpose chairs and stools intended for domestic Type 1 and institutional Type 2 use. Single Seater Sofa Chairs and Ottomans are covered under this standard and this standard does not apply to reclining chairs.

2. Design and Workmanship (Cl.4): Design and Model to be declared by the manufacturer. Workmanship requirements include freedom from burrs, sharp edges, stain etc.

3. Dimensions (Cl. 5): Dimensions have to be as per IS 3663 Dimensions for Tables and Chairs for Office Purposes. Any other dimensions may also be used.

4. Raw Material Requirements (Cl. 6): Tests for fabric and leather (synthetic and natural) surfaces have been specified to meet the minimum performance requirements as per IS 17637 Performance Requirements of Surface Finishes for Furniture Applications.

5. Safety Requirements (Cl. 7)

i) Stability Test: Test requirements for Forwards Overbalancing and Sideways Overbalancing for Chairs without Arms, Rearwards Overbalancing, Sideways Overbalancing for Chairs with Arms and Stools/Poufs All Directions (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage, no deformation, no overturning, no fracture, no breakage, no loosening of joints and no audible noise beyond 80dB.

ii) Strength Test:

a) Static Load Test: Test requirements for Seat Static Load Test, Back Static Load Test, Armrests/Wings Sideways Static Load Test, Arm Downwards Static Load Test, Leg Forward Static Load Test, Leg Sideways Static Load Test, Diagonal Base Load Test and Foot Rest Static load Test (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage, no deformation, no overturning, no fracture, no breakage, no loosening of joints and no audible noise beyond 80dB.

b) Impact Test: Test requirements for Seat Impact Test, Back Impact Test, Arm Impact Test and Drop test (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage, no deformation, no overturning, no fracture, no breakage, no loosening of joints and no audible noise beyond 80dB.

iii) Durability Test: Test requirements for Seat Fatigue Test, Back Fatigue Test and Arm Rest Durability (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage, no deformation, no overturning, no fracture, no breakage, no loosening of joints and no audible noise beyond 80dB.

6. Marking (Cl. 9): Brand name or trade mark, Date of Manufacturing, Design/ Model number, Batch number and BIS certification marking details post grant of licence.

❖ IS 17633:2022 Tables and Desks

1. Scope (Cl. 1): This standard applies to completely manufactured, fabricated and ready-to-assemble Tables and Desks. These have been categorised as Office tables and Domestic tables.

2. Design and Workmanship (Cl. 4): Design and Model to be declared by the manufacturer. Workmanship requirements include freedom from burrs, sharp edges, stain etc.

3. Dimensions (Cl. 5): Dimensions have to be as per IS 3663 Dimensions for Tables and Chairs for Office Purposes. Any other dimensions may also be used.

4. Raw Material Requirements (Cl. 6): Tests for rigid surfaces have been specified to meet the minimum performance requirements as per IS 17637 Performance Requirements of Surface Finishes for Furniture Applications.

5. Safety Requirements (Cl. 7)

i) Stability Test: Test requirements for Stability Under Vertical Load, Stability with Extension Elements Open and Stability Under Horizontal Load (as applicable) have been specified. The table shall not overturn/disengage after stability test.

ii) Strength Tests: Test requirements for Strength under Vertical Static Force and Strength under Horizontal Static Force Durability Tests (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no deformation and no loosening of joints.

iii) Durability Tests: Test requirements for Durability under Vertical Force and Durability of Height Adjustment Mechanism (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no deformation and no loosening of joints.

iv) Durability and Stiffness Under Horizontal Force: Test requirements for Durability Under Horizontal Force and Stiffness of the Structure Under Horizontal Force (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no deformation and no loosening of joints.

v) Vertical Impact Test: Test requirements for Vertical Impact Test for Glass Table Tops and Vertical Impact Test for All Other Table Tops (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no damage/fracture, no deformation and no loosening of joints.

vi) Deflection of Table Tops: After this test with required load, the criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no deformation and no loosening of joints.

vii) Durability of Tables with Castors: After this test with operating force, the criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no deformation and no loosening of joints.

viii) Drop Tests: After this test with required force and drop height, the criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no deformation and no loosening of joints.

6. Marking (Cl. 9): Brand name or trade mark, Date of Manufacturing, Design/ Model number, Batch number and BIS certification marking details post grant of licence.

❖ IS 17634:2022 Storage Units

1. Scope (Cl. 1): This standard applies to completely manufactured, fabricated and ready-to-assemble Storage Units. These have been categorised as Domestic, Institutional (Light) and Institutional (Heavy) with separate testing criteria for each category. This standard does not cover single beds for use at a height of the bed base less than 800 mm as these are covered under different standard IS 17636:2021 *Bunk Beds*.

2. Design & Workmanship (Cl.4): Design and Model to be declared by the manufacturer. Workmanship requirements include freedom from burrs, sharp edges, stain etc.

3. Dimensions (Cl. 5): The dimensions shall be as agreed to between the manufacturer and purchaser or as declared by the manufacturer.

4. Raw Material Requirements (Cl. 6): Tests for fabric and leather (synthetic and natural) surfaces have been specified to meet the minimum performance requirements as per IS 17637 *Performance Requirements of Surface Finishes for Furniture Applications*.

5. Safety Tests (Cl. 7)

i) Tests for Non-Moveable Parts: Test requirements for Shelves, Tops and Bottoms, Strength of Clothes Rails and their support and Strength of the Structure (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no loosening, no deformation, no wear and no impaired function of unit.

ii) Test Procedures for Moveable Parts: Test requirements for Pivoted doors, Sliding Doors and Horizontal Roll-fronts, Flaps, Vertical Roll-Fronts, Extension Elements, Locking and Latching Mechanism Tests, Pull Force Test, Top Load Ease Cycle Test, Durability Test for Units with Seating Surfaces- Cycle Impact and Drop Test – Dynamic – for Units with Seat Surfaces (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no loosening, no deformation, no wear and no impaired function of unit.

iii) Unit Mounted to the Building or Other Structure: Test requirements for Units not Supported by the Floor and Units Supported by the Floor (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no loosening, no deformation, no wear and no impaired function of unit.

iv) Stability Test: Test requirements for Doors, Extension Elements and Flaps Closed, All Units Unloaded; Operating Doors, Extension Elements and Flaps, All Storage Units Unloaded; Doors, Extension Elements and Flaps Opened and Unlocked; Doors, Extension Elements and Flaps Closed and Locked, All Storage Units Loaded; Vertical Force Stability Test for Storage Units; Stability Test for Pedestals/Storage Units with Seat Surfaces; Dynamic Stability Test for Units with Castors and Strength Test for Wall Attachments (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no fracture, no loosening, no deformation, no wear and no impaired function of unit.

6. Marking (Cl. 9): Brand name or trade mark, Date of Manufacturing, Design/ Model number, Batch number and BIS certification marking details post grant of licence.

❖ IS 17635:2022 Beds

1. Scope (Cl. 1): This standard applies to completely manufactured, fabricated and ready-to-assemble Storage Units. These have been categorised as Beds for domestic and non-domestic use. This standard does not cover waterbeds, airbeds, foldaway beds, bunk beds and beds for medical purposes.

2. Design & Workmanship (Cl.4): Design and Model to be declared by the manufacturer. Workmanship requirements include freedom from burrs, sharp edges, stain etc.

3. Dimensions (Cl. 5): The dimensions shall be as agreed to between the manufacturer and purchaser or as declared by the manufacturer.

4. Raw Material Requirements (Cl. 6): Tests for rigid surfaces, fabric and leather (synthetic and natural) surfaces have been specified to meet the minimum performance requirements as per IS 17637 *Performance Requirements of Surface Finishes for Furniture Applications*.

5. Safety Tests (Cl. 7)

i) Stability Test: After this test with required load, the criteria of the conformity are no overturn, no fracture, no loosening, no deformation and no impaired function of unit.

ii) Vertical Static Load Test: Test requirements for Vertical Static Load on Bed base and Vertical Static Load on Side Rail (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no overturn, no fracture, no loosening, no deformation and no impaired function of unit.

iii) Horizontal Static Load Tests: Test requirements for Horizontal Static Load on Headboard and Horizontal Static Load Test of Beds Without Headboard (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no overturn, no fracture, no loosening, no deformation and no impaired function of unit.

iv) Durability Tests: Test requirements for Vertical Durability Test of Bed Base, Horizontal Durability Test of Bed Frame and Horizontal Durability Test of Headboards (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no overturn, no fracture, no loosening, no deformation and no impaired function of unit.

v) Vertical Impact Test: After this test with required number of cycles of impactor, the criteria of the conformity are no overturn, no fracture, no loosening, no deformation and no impaired function of unit.

vi) Durability of Storage Elements in Beds: Test requirements for Mechanisms for Lifting Bed Bases and Extendable Storage Elements (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no overturn, no fracture, no loosening, no deformation and no impaired function of unit.

6. Marking (Cl. 9): Brand name or trade mark, Date of Manufacturing, Design/ Model number, Batch number and BIS certification marking details post grant of licence.

❖ **IS 17636:2021 Bunk Beds**

1. Scope (Cl. 1): This standard applies to completely manufactured, fabricated and ready-to-assemble Storage Units. These have been categorised as Beds for domestic and non-domestic use. This standard also covers single beds for use at a height of the bed base of 800 mm or more.

2. Design & Workmanship (Cl.4): Design and Model to be declared by the manufacturer. Workmanship requirements include freedom from burrs, sharp edges, stain etc.

3. Dimensions (Cl. 5): The dimensions shall be as agreed to between the manufacturer and purchaser or as declared by the manufacturer.

4. Surface Performance (Cl. 6): Tests for rigid surfaces, fabric and leather (synthetic and natural) surfaces have been specified to meet the minimum performance requirements as per IS 17637 *Performance Requirements of Surface Finishes for Furniture Applications*.

5. Safety Requirements (Cl. 7)

i) Top Bed Safety Barriers: After this test, the permanent deflection of the retaining elements shall not exceed 2 mm.

ii) Gaps: The accessible gaps or spaces shall conform to the specified dimensions.

iii) Bed Base: After this test, no element of the bed base shall break, fall down or become loose.

iv) Ladder: Test requirements for Attachment, Deflection and Strength of Ladder and Treads and Dimensions of Treads (as applicable) have been specified. The criteria of the conformity are no breakage, no excessive permanent deflection, and tread dimensions shall remain within the specified limits.

v) Strength of Frame and Fastenings: Supporting fastenings between bedpost and bedframe shall not be damaged after the test at a given load.

vi) Stability: After this test with the required force, not more than one leg or corner shall lift from the floor.

vii) Fastening of Upper Bed to Lower Bed: After this test with required force, the upper bed should not disconnect with lower bed.

6. Marking (Cl. 9): Brand name or trade mark, Date of Manufacturing, Design/ Model number, Batch number and BIS certification marking details post grant of licence.

6. BIS Certification Journey – Step by Step

Eligibility for obtaining BIS licence:- Manufacturers of Furniture (includes components /parts assembly premises) and not traders, distributors or marketing agencies. A separate licence is needed for each manufacturing premises.

Prerequisites for grant of BIS Licence:-

- a) Possession of complete manufacturing/assembling facilities in house (sub-contracting of identified processes within the same city permitted as per discretions of BIS).
- b) Availability of competent and qualified quality control person in the factory on a full time basis.

Major steps involved for grant of BIS licence:

Licence is granted as per Indian Standard for each category of Furniture.

Step 1: Application

Submission of online application through BIS Manakonline Portal along with evidence of payment of application fee to BIS.

Step 2: Inspection

BIS will scrutinize applications and nominate the inspecting officer for preliminary inspections if everything is found in order. Inspections will be done only after deposition of fee / charge to BIS. A BIS officer will carry out inspection and will seal samples for sending to an independent testing lab in India, if inspection results are satisfactory.

Step 3: Testing

The samples sealed by a BIS officer in the factory has to be sent by applicant manufacturers to designated testing labs in India. Testing charges are to be paid by manufacturers to the lab and the lab will send a test report to BIS.

Step 4: Certification

On receipt of a pass test report from the lab, BIS will grant you a licence with a validity of one year subject to payment of minimum marking for & annual licence fee .

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you and assist you in achieving your business objectives in India.

7. Compliance Challenges and Solutions for MSMEs

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) face overwhelming compliance burdens, often navigating hundreds of legal obligations, regulatory framework etc. that costs thousands of rupees to lacs of rupees annually.

BIS is the certifying and enforcing authority for the products notified under Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025. While notifying this QC order, the regulatory authority DPIIT gave 6 months extra relaxation time for implementation of the order by MSMEs. While notifying Amendment to this QC order on 13-02-2026, the regulatory authority DPIIT gave further relaxation to MSMEs as per which nothing in this order will apply to MSMEs wherein the investment in plant and machinery or equipment at original cost does not exceed rupees one crores for the previous financial year.

Further BIS in the capacity of certification authority gives adequate rebate in minimum marking fee to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises depending upon the scale of the industry.



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