

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
(Central Marks Department II)

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Subject : Grant of licence for Packaged Drinking Water

Packaged Drinking Water was brought under mandatory Certification Scheme of BIS vide notification no.GSR 760(E). The rules clearly state that no person shall manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale Packaged Drinking Water except under Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Marks.

Applications are still being received for grant of certification marks licence for Packaged Drinking Water. The new unit can not manufacture and sell Packaged Drinking Water in the market till a licence is granted by BIS in view of the above notification, resulting in idling of production assets in which heavy capital investment has been made.

BIS has examined the issue and noted that time taken for independent testing of sample particularly radioactive residues is high i.e. approximately a month or more. Therefore, in order to expedite the process of grant of licence further it has been decided to process the cases for grant of certification marks licence without waiting for independent test report for radioactive residues, provided applicant submit a recent independent test report for raw water/processed water indicating conformity to requirements of radioactive residues, issued by BARC with the following guidelines as approved by Competent Authority:

- a) Applicant may be asked to submit the recent independent test report of a sample drawn from the source or finished product line (not more than two months old) issued by BARC with respect to radioactive residues as per Table 4 of IS 14543:1998 during preliminary inspection.
- b) Sample of Packaged Drinking Water shall also be drawn during preliminary inspection for independent testing to ensure conformity of the product for radioactive residues.
- c) We may also obtain an undertaking from the applicant that their case may be considered on the basis of test report submitted for radioactive residues issued by BARC. In case the sample drawn for independent testing during preliminary inspection fails, BIS has full authority to cancel their licence.
- d) The undertaking shall also include the statement that in case the sample fails in independent testing they will withdraw the sub-standard material from the market.

- e) Independent test report shall be reviewed when received. In case the sample fails in radioactive residues, the BO shall take action for cancellation of licence as per certification manual.

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