

**BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS**  
**(Central Marks Department II)**

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Subject: Drawal of market samples

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution had constituted a High Level Inquiry Committee to review the adequacy of Indian Standards and its enforcement in view of NGO report on pesticides residue in packaged bottled water. The committee carried out enquiry and made certain recommendation for improvement in the system for certification. One of the recommendation for procurement of market sample is as follows

“Drawal of market samples is a simpler and more cost effective means of the quality control and should be made better use of. There is a scope for substantial improvement in drawal of market samples”.

These recommendations were considered by Core Group constituted by the Government & were reaffirmed and accepted by Hon’ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Three months time has been given to BIS for implementation of the recommendation subject to review on monthly basis. These recommendations were also considered by Certification Advisory Committee and were accepted.

It is, therefore, requested that ROs/BOs may put more emphasis on procurement of market samples for monitoring the operation of certification marks licence particularly for food items under mandatory certification scheme of BIS. A monthly progress report is to be sent to ministry by 10<sup>th</sup> of every month. RO/BO are requested to send the monthly progress report for procurement of market samples for food items under mandatory certification so as to reach by 2<sup>nd</sup> of next month. It is desired that strict compliance may please be ensured by all ROs/BOs.

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To all ROs/BOs