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# BIS and Standards Compliance

BIS and Standards Compliance Law Firm in India for CRS, ISI, and FMCS

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## Overview

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We assist businesses in navigating compliance with mandatory and voluntary standards set by the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** under the BIS Act, 2016, and allied notifications issued by various ministries. Our practice focuses on helping domestic and foreign manufacturers, importers, and brand owners meet the evolving requirements of certification, marking, and quality control for regulated products.

Our services encompass advisory on the applicability of compulsory certification schemes, including the **ISI Mark Scheme**, **Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS)** for electronics, and **Hallmarking of precious metals**, as well as other sector-specific QCOs (Quality Control Orders). We provide strategic guidance in certification planning, product classification, documentation, testing protocols, and interactions with BIS and concerned ministries.

## Our Services

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- BIS registration under ISI and CRS schemes,
- Foreign Manufacture Certification Scheme (FMCS)
- Product testing coordination and technical documentation
- Legal support for enforcement actions and recalls
- Advisory on labeling, declarations, and user instructions
- Compliance audits and SOPs for manufacturing and imports

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Q1 What does BIS and standards compliance advisory involve in India?

It covers guidance on mandatory and voluntary certification requirements under the Bureau of Indian Standards framework. This includes ISI Mark certification, the Compulsory Registration Scheme for electronics, Hallmarking of precious metals, and compliance with sector-specific Quality Control Orders issued by various ministries.

### Q2 When should a business seek legal help for BIS compliance?

Ideally before launching or importing a regulated product into India. New Quality Control Orders are issued frequently, often with short transition windows. Early advisory helps avoid shipment holds at customs, product seizures, or penalties for selling non-certified goods in the Indian market.

### Q3 Which laws and regulators govern product standards compliance in India?

The BIS Act, 2016 and rules made under it form the primary framework. The Bureau of Indian Standards administers certification schemes. Individual ministries, such as MeitY for electronics or DPIIT for industrial goods, issue Quality Control Orders making specific Indian Standards compulsory.

### Q4 How long does a typical BIS registration or certification process take?

Timelines vary by scheme. CRS registration for electronics may take 4 to 8 weeks if test reports are in order. ISI Mark licensing involves factory inspections and can take 3 to 6 months. Delays often stem from incomplete documentation, failed test samples, or queries raised during BIS technical review.

### Q5 What documents are needed to begin a BIS certification application?

Typically, you need product test reports from a BIS-recognized lab, manufacturing process details, a factory plan, quality control procedures, and a declaration of conformity. Foreign manufacturers must additionally appoint an Authorized Indian Representative and provide relevant factory audit records.

### Q6 What common mistakes do companies make with BIS compliance?

A frequent error is assuming a product falls outside compulsory certification because no QCO existed at the time of initial import. QCOs are updated regularly, and non-compliance discovered post-import can lead to goods being detained at port, penalties under the BIS Act, and forced recalls from the market.