

CENTRAL MARKS DEPARTMENT - II

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**Subject: Clarifications on implementation of revised
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Scheme of Testing and Inspection for revised Indian Standard specification for Packaged drinking water, IS 14543:2004 was circulated to all ROs/BOs on 4 June 2004. The revised STI was made effective from 1 August 2004. Since at that time the outside labs were still in the process of assessment for recognition by Central Lab, the Competent Authority permitted extension of implementation of above STI from 01 08 2004 to 16 08 2004.

The list of outside labs for testing of plastic containers as per IS 15410:2003 was received from CL on 19 July 2004 and was circulated to all ROs/BOs by CMD-II on 20 July 2004. Packing clause of revised IS 14543:2004 prescribes that "plastic containers shall be conforming to IS 15410". Accordingly, in the revised STI, the following was prescribed:

"the licensee shall submit the test certificate from outside recognized laboratory with respect to conformity of plastic containers to IS 15410. Alternatively the licensee may use BIS marked plastic containers as per IS 15410 or submit test certificate from the manufacturer".

One of the requirements of IS 15410:2003 is water potability test which requires 30 days for testing. A number of BOs have approached CMD-II indicating that the results of water potability test of their licensees are awaited whereas the licensees have complied with all other requirements of the circular issued with revised STI.

Keeping in view the fact that CL informed the list of outside lab for plastic containers testing only on 19 July 2004 and ROs/BOs in turn had informed licensees and that the test itself takes 30 days time, it is proposed that in case test reports of all other parameters except for water potability test of the container are available and also the licensee have complied with all other requirements of the revised STI (as per our circular dated 04 06 2004), the licensee may be permitted by BO to submit this report of water potability test latest by 17 September 2004 and no further relaxation shall be given to the licensee and appropriate action be taken as per the existing guidelines circulated on 04 06 2004.

Besides the above, in view of queries received from various BOs, following clarifications are also proposed to be circulated to all ROs/BOs with respect to the revised STI:

1. With respect to the conformity of ingredients used for remineralization to the requirements of PFA Act, original manufacturer's declaration to this respect may be accepted.
2. Partial acceptance of STI by the licensee shall not be agreed.
3. Conformity of plastic containers as per IS 15410 may be ascertained as per Clause 5.0 and 5.1 of STI. However, it is to clarify that in case independent test report with respect to conformity of containers to IS 15410 are not available with the licensee immediately, the following may be permitted:
 - a) Test certificate from the manufacturer of container.
 - b) In-house test results of the licensee wherever test facilities are available.
4. In case stoppage of marking has been done due to non receipt of test reports from the licensee for the samples if already submitted by them to outside labs, resumption of marking be considered based on test reports/ certificates as soon as they are submitted and found satisfactory.
5. In case of stoppage of marking due to reasons that licensee has not initiated any action by the stipulated date in response to our circular dated 04 06 2004, the resumption of marking be considered after verification visit by BO and receipt of the conformity test reports from OSL for the samples drawn by BO.

Submitted for consideration and approval.

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