

Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS)

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An upgraded version of android mobile app – BIS CARE is in place to facilitate stakeholders to verify authenticity of ISI mark, registered jewellers and marked electronic goods under Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS).

Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS)

- Products notified to be placed under Compulsory Registration Order by Government of India are required to be registered under this Scheme, which is based on Self Declaration of Conformity.
- Manufacturers of these products are required to apply for registration from BIS after getting their product tested from one of the BIS recognized labs in India.
- In 2012, Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS) was introduced by Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), jointly with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) (erstwhile DeitY) has notified “Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012” on 03 October 2012 for fifteen categories of electronics items
- Some other product categories were added in the following years such as fifteen product categories in 2014 (by MeitY), Indian Standard for ‘Indian Language Support for Mobile Phones’ on 24 October 2016, thirteen items in 2017, and five added by

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy(MNRE)

- **As per the Orders, no person shall manufacture or store for sale, import, sell or distribute goods which do not conform to the Indian standard specified in the order and do not bear the Standard Mark with unique registration number obtained from BIS.**

Who grants a licence under the scheme?

- Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) grants licence to the manufacturers to use or apply Standard Mark with unique R-number, through registration based on self-declaration of conformity for goods and articles as per Indian Standards.
- The grant of licence and its operation under Compulsory Registration Scheme are carried out as per the conformity assessment scheme under Scheme – II of Schedule – II of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018’.

Who can apply for CRS?

Manufacturer (factory owner) of any product, which comes under the ambit of the Compulsory Registration Order (CRO) notified by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) or Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)

- BIS is the National Standard Body of India established under the BIS Act 2016.
- It is working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India.
- As a corporate body, it has 25 members drawn from Central or State Governments, industry, scientific and research institutions, and consumer organisations.
- Its headquarters is in New Delhi.

- The organisation was formerly the Indian Standards Institution (ISI), registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- It is set up for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith.

The following schemes of certification are covered under BIS –

1. Product Certification Scheme – Applicable for tangible products; with some products classified under compulsory certification.
2. System Certification Scheme – Applicable for systems/ process
3. Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme – Applicable for foreign manufacturers who are engaged in the sale of their products in India.
4. Hallmarking – Applicable for articles made from precious metals like gold and silver
5. ECO Mark Scheme – Applicable for products affecting or related to the environment