



BIS: 77 Years of Shaping Standards

Recently, the [Bureau of Indian Standards \(BIS\)](#), a body under the **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, Government of India**, celebrated its **77th Foundation Day on 6th January 2024**.

- BIS is the **National Standard Body** of India established under the [BIS Act 2016](#) for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods. BIS has its **headquarters at New Delhi**.
 - It operates various schemes like [Product Certification \(ISI mark\)](#), [Hallmarking](#) of Gold and Silver Jeweller, **ECO Mark Scheme** (for labeling of environment friendly products).
- The BIS Act, 2016, has been implemented since October 2017. The major highlights of the act are:
 - Enables the government to **authorize any agency apart from BIS to certify and enforce** conformity to a standard.
 - Provides **consumer protection measures** like recall of non-conforming standard marked products, compensation to the consumer and more stringent penal provisions.

Read more: [Bureau of Indian standards \(BIS\) Act 2016](#)

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