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Dr. Guruprasad Mohapatra
Secretary
Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Subject: Request for Extension in Mandatory certification marking of IS 1293 and Concurrent running of IS 1293: 2005 & IS 1293: 2019

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

We appreciate the Government of India's initiative to regulate the plugs and sockets industry by mandating it through a QC Order no.S.O.4353(E) "*Plugs and Socket-Outlets and Alternating Current Direct Connected Static Prepayment Meters for Active Energy (Quality Control) Order, 2019*" which was released on 04 December 2019 and was to be effective from 01 June 2020. This was subsequently revised on 18 May 2020, through an amendment No.S.O. 1517(E) by extending the date of implementation to 01 December 2020.

The Electronics & IT industry being directly impacted in terms of the prevailing Covid-19 scenario and the ensuing loss of Sales has led to piling of inventories both at the manufacturer of finished goods & the component suppliers. The worldwide lockdown has resulted in large-scale disruption of the supply chains.

We request you to consider our following request sympathetically.

In this regard, we had also organized a meeting of the relevant stakeholders including the industry representatives, the MeitY officials and the BIS officials on August 21, 2020 to discuss the amendment(s) required in the revised IS 1293: 2019 is apparently technically not advised with respect to dimensions of pins and the possible ramifications arising out of this decision to remove 10 Amp plug & sockets from the revised version namely IS 1293 : 2019.

The complete process from plug testing & certification by the plug manufacturer & the lead time to get the certified plug to the final assembly line of device manufacturers is close to nine months. Thereafter, Electronics & IT industry would need another about three months to incorporate and import the same with the host product. Hence, the industry requests for an additional time of one year to transition from IS 1293:2005 to IS 1293:2019.

The industry feels that the following two-pronged approach can help industry to prepare them for the impending revised 10 A plugs with changed dimensions, which are expected to be finalized in the near future and also in the process liquidate the stocks on hand of existing 10 A plugs, which are in the pipeline.

So, it is requested that the following extension may please be granted for smooth business operations in these unprecedented times:

- i. Mandatory certification marking of IS 1293 may be extended from 01 December 2020 to 01 December 2021.
- ii. Concurrent running of IS 1293: 2005 & IS 1293: 2019 as per CI 28 of BIS Rules, 2018

Your kind support will also help industry facilitate the development of 10 A Plugs with new dimensions to preclude the possibility of using it with 6 A sockets & also include 16 A, 2 pin plugs, non-rewireable type as per the consensus reached in the last meeting of BIS, **Electrical Wiring Accessories Sectional Committee**, ETD 14, subsequently.

We seek favorable consideration of industry's request. Looking forward to a fruitful association always.

With regards,



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