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Subject: - Request for extension of implementation for IS 1293:2019 date from 25th July 2020 to 25th July 2022

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

This is with reference to BIS notification no CMD-III/16: IS 1293 dated August 19, 2019 on Guidelines for implementation of Revised IS 1293:2019 where it is specified that the last date of implementation of this standard is 25th July 2020.

We would like to submit the following: -

- There are over 300+ manufacturers in India and abroad who are certified with the existing standard and manufacturing to the same. All of them need to redesign and migrate to the new standard.
- As on date, there are no plug manufacturers certified under IS 1293: 2019. All of them need to make the new products and then get them certified, whereas today there are very few labs certified to the IS 1293:2019 standard.
- Due to COVID 19 the global Supply Chain is disrupted and all endeavour is towards first stabilising the same. At this stage taking up changes is a challenge for the industry and they will not be able to meet the time lines. Further, there is a **low availability of the raw material for the Indian manufacturers which is largely sourced from China.**

In view of the above difficulties, MAIT on behalf of its members request you to kindly give us an extension for at least 24 months for switchover to new version IS 1293: 2019 from the current deadline 25th July 2020 to 25th July 2022 & accordingly being communicated to DPIIT releasing a suitable communication to the industry.

The same extension of deadline is required for the mandatory implementation of ISI marking on plugs/socket outlets meeting requirements of IS1293:2005.

We request to allow running of IS1293:2005 for next 24 months in line with the above request.

Looking forward to your favorable response.

With regards,

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CEO

CC: Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards