



FMCS (Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme) is a certification scheme operated by the Bureau of Indian Standards that allows manufacturers located outside India to obtain a BIS license and use the ISI Mark on products that conform to applicable Indian Standards.

Key Features of FMCS

- Designed specifically for foreign manufacturers exporting products to India.
- Operates similarly to the BIS Scheme-I (ISI Mark Scheme).
- Requires factory inspection by BIS officials.
- Requires product testing as per the relevant Indian Standard.
- Requires appointment of an Authorized Indian Representative (AIR).
- Allows certified products to bear the ISI Mark with a BIS license number.

1. What is the purpose of FMCS?

The purpose of FMCS is to ensure that products manufactured outside India comply with applicable Indian Standards and meet the same quality and safety requirements as products manufactured within India.

2. Who can apply under FMCS?

Any manufacturer located outside India whose product falls under a BIS certification requirement can apply for certification under FMCS.

3. Is FMCS equivalent to BIS Scheme-I certification?

Yes. FMCS follows requirements similar to Scheme-I (ISI Mark Scheme), but it is specifically designed for foreign manufacturing facilities.

4. Which products can be certified under FMCS?

A wide range of products can be certified under FMCS, including electrical appliances, steel products, chemicals, cement, automotive components, and other products covered under applicable Indian Standards.

5. Is factory inspection required under FMCS?

Yes. BIS officials conduct an on-site inspection of the foreign manufacturing facility to assess production processes, quality controls, and testing capabilities.



6. Is product testing mandatory under FMCS?

Yes. Product samples must be tested in accordance with the applicable Indian Standard before a license can be granted.

7. Does a foreign manufacturer need an Indian representative?

Yes. Foreign manufacturers are generally required to appoint an Authorized Indian Representative (AIR) who acts as a liaison between the manufacturer and BIS.

8. What is an Authorized Indian Representative (AIR)?

An AIR is a person or organization located in India authorized by the foreign manufacturer to represent them for regulatory and certification-related matters.

9. What documents are required for FMCS certification?

Applicants typically need to submit manufacturing details, quality control documents, test reports, product specifications, factory layout information, and authorization documents for the AIR.

10. How can applications be submitted?

FMCS applications are now submitted through the BIS online portal. BIS has stated that from June 2026, only online applications are accepted.

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