

Communication

Cancellation of the Machinery and Electrical Equipment Safety Order (Omnibus Technical Regulation, 2024)

Cematex is relieved to see the Indian Official gazette publishing the full cancellation of the Machinery and Electrical Equipment Safety Order (Omnibus Technical Regulation). The threats of compulsory certification by the Bureau of Indian Standards for textile machinery are hereby a history of past and the Cematex membership can again focus on supplying the Indian textile industry with state-of-the-art textile machinery to help them modernize and futureproof their textile mills.

Current Relief though Vigilance is in order

Given geopolitical instability and tariffs undermining free trade, the Indian initiative 'Omnibus Technical Regulation' (OTR) announced in August 2024 for compulsory certification by the Bureau for Indian Standards (BIS) for a wide range of machinery & components, including braiding machines, weaving machines and ancillaries & components, was badly received by the Cematex membership. The OTR was initially scheduled to be in force by August 2025. Cematex and its national association members worked intensively with the European Commission and Indian counterparties to get the OTR delayed or cancelled. In a first instance, the date of enforcement was delayed to September 2026. Although that provided some relief, the information requirements BIS was publishing for companies to prepare their compliance dossiers, were straight never see. Therefore, Cematex continued engaging the European Commission and Indian authorities & counterparties. Following that, last November the OTR was put on hold indefinitely.

Just this January, Cematex was informed the Indian OTR initiative is cancelled completely. That is a great relief, though India is notoriously creative with Quality Control Orders (QCO) and therefore Cematex urges the European Commission to include in the ongoing Free Trade Agreement negotiations between India and the EU, that general clauses are included to fend off future QCO.

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