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SL	CIRCULAR /LETTER NO/DATE	SUBJECT	ADDRESSED TO	REGARDING
1.	CIRCULAR NO:320/2026 2ND JANUARY 2026	Comments/Voting on document related to IEC TC 14/1201/Q- Questionnaire to change Scope of IEC TC 14 / MT 60076-22.	TO ALL MEMBERS	Member (P) of the IEC TC 14 Committee, the Indian National Committee issued a documents for member body voting as forwarded by Member Secretary , for Sectional Committee of BIS ,ETD 16. ITMA members were requested to kindly examine the documents and give their comments (in the attached format) by 02/02/2026.
2.	CIRCULAR NO:321/2026 2ND JANUARY 2026	Clarifications pertaining to 'IS 18874 : 2024 - Magnetic Materials — Specification for Individual Materials — Thin Electrical Steel Strip and Sheet for Use at Medium Frequencies.	TO ALL MEMBERS	The mail sent by Member Secretary, Sectional Committee of BIS Metallurgical Engineering Department MTD 4 forwarding therewith the clarifications sought by the Surat Branch of BIS for the first Application received for the IS 18874 : 2024 - Magnetic Materials, which is self explanatory. Member Secretary, Sectional Committee of BIS Metallurgical Engineering Department MTD 4. ITMA members were requested to review and share the inputs by 10th January 2026.
3.	CIRCULAR NO:322/2026 5TH JANUARY 2026	Standards Published - IS 10748 :2025, IS 4454 (Part-2) :2025	TO ALL MEMBERS	Member Secretary, Sectional Committee of BIS Metallurgical Department MTD 4 for has

				through it's attached mail has informed that the standards have been published on 10 December 2025 through gazette notification dated 14 December 2025. The same were forwarded to Members for information and reference.
4.	ITMA/11/2026 6TH January 2026	Anti-Dumping duty on CRGO	TO ALL MEMBERS	The issue through a letter of protest , on anti-dumping duty on CRGO which may be effective any time.
5.	CIRCULAR NO:323/2026 8TH JANUARY 2026	Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Appliance Labeling and Compliance) Regulations, 2026 Regarding the Compliance of subject regulations, as per applicable timelines	TO ALL MEMBERS	Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Appliance Labeling and Compliance) Regulations, 2026 published in the e-Gazette of India, as forwarded by BEE was sent to ITMA members for ready reference and Compliance, as per the timelines given in the Regulations 2026.
6.	ITMA/11/2026/414 8th January 2026	Clarification on terminology for Amorphous core Metal as per IS : 16585/2023	Sh. Sanjay Garg , IAS Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards New Delhi	clarification on the terminology used for materials deployed in manufacturing Amorphous Metal as a Transformer core material as per IS 16585:2023.
7.	CIRCULAR NO:324/2026 12TH JANUARY 2026	Inputs to assess the financial implications and develop an item-wise localisation strategy based on criticality, feasibility, and industry readiness.	TO ALL MEMBERS	CEA has identified an initial list of 16 items that are currently being imported due to technology gaps. In addition, a list of 57 items has been identified as critical. For these items, CEA has requested detailed qualitative and quantitative inputs from domestic and international manufacturers who may be interested in exploring manufacturing opportunities in India. ITMA requested to members to kindly share the inputs, if any at the earliest.
8.	CIRCULAR NO:325/2026 12TH JANUARY 2026	Standard Published - IS 2062 (Part 1) : 2025, IS19464 : 2025. 1. IS 2062 (Part 1) : 2025 - Structural Steel Part 1 Hot Rolled Medium and High Tensile Steel (Eight Revision) 2. IS 19464 : 2025 - Steel Wire for Hose Reinforcement — Specification	TO ALL MEMBERS	The following standards (as forwarded by BIS MTD 4 division) have been established on 29 December 2025 through gazette notification dated 01 January 2026. ITMA sent the same standards and the gazette notification for members reference.

9.	CIRCULAR NO:326/2026 12TH JANUARY 2026	Clarification on Terminology Used in IS 16585:2023 (Amorphous alloy metal).	TO ALL MEMBERS	Some of our members had requested for the clarifications on Terminology Used in IS 16585:2023 (Amorphous alloy metal) whether the terms “amorphous alloy ribbon” and “amorphous alloy strip” are synonymous for the purpose of compliance with the Indian Standard IS 16585:2023, due to delay in clearing the consignment by the Coustoms Authority. Accordingly, Bureau of Indian Standards and Ministry of Steel was requested for the same. The same was forwarded to members for their information and reference
10.	CIRCULAR NO:327/2026 19TH JANUARY 2026	Addition/deletion/suggestions including revision in Minimum Local Content (MLC) required in the attached Annexure-I of the draft PPP-MII order	TO ALL MEMBERS	Mail from Chief Engineer ET&I div of CEA, requesting inputs from the stakeholders for revision in Minimum Local Content (MLC) required in the attached Annexure-I of the draft PPP-MII order of MoP. Members are requested to kindly go through the details of the contents given in Annexure-I of the attached draft letter and offer your comments/observations/inputs if any and shall be forwarded to CEA for consideration.
11.	ITMA/11/2026 19th January 2026	Meeting for Annual Programme for Standardisation (APS) 2026-27 - 21 January 2026	Ms. Challakonda Vidisha Scientist-C/Deputy Director Member Secretary MTD 04 Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) New Delhi	Meeting for Annual Programme for Standardisation (APS) 2026-27 - 21 January 2026. ITMA is nominating following Main and Alternate members for the subject Annual Programme for Standardisation (APS) 2026-27. Mr. Vijayakumaran Moorkath , Chairman Standardisation Committee and Technical Advisor, ITMA, Mr. Ashok Kumar Kaul, Dy. Director General, ITMA
12.	CIRCULAR NO:328/2026 20TH JANUARY 2026	Issuance of revised “Guidelines for the Type Tests for Major Equipment of Power Sector” and “Guidelines for Model Quality Assurance Plan (MQAP) for Major Equipment of Power Sector” by Central Electricity Authority (CEA).	TO ALL MEMBERS	Copy of the letter dated 19th January issued by CEA on the subject, stating that on the basis of directions received from MoP for modifying MQAP Guidelines issued in March 2022 , for Distribution Sector, and representations received from various stakeholders to modify the periodicity of the Type Tests of various

				<p>equipment . A comprehensive exercise has been undertaken by CEA to review these Guidelines(of March 2022) The revised Draft Guidelines, were circulated vide CEA's letter dated 18.08.2025 to stakeholders for furnishing comments /observations. The comments received have fromthe stakeholders have suitably been considered and appropriately incorporated in the revised Guidelines. The revised approved Guidelines,“Guidelines for the Type Tests for Major Equipment of Power Sector” and “Guidelines for Model Quality Assurance Plan (MQAP) for Major Equipment of Power Sector” have been issued and are attached for compliance by all concerned. These Guidelines shall supersede earlier Guidelines issued by CEA in March, 2022, and shall be applicable with immediate effect. The same were sent to ITMA members for their information and reference.</p>
13.	CIRCULAR NO:329/2026 20TH JANUARY 2026	PVC Circulars for the month of DECEMBER 2025	TO ALL MEMBERS	<p>PVC circulars for the month of DECEMBER 2025 received from Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers Association (IEEMA). The same was sent to all members for their information and guidance</p>
14.	CIRCULAR NO:330/2026 22ND JANUARY 2026	Draft National Electricity Policy (NEP), 2026 , issued by Ministry of Power. Regarding: Comments/ observations from the stakeholders.	TO ALL MEMBERS	<p>Ministry of Power(MoP) has issued the Draft National Electricity Policy (NEP), 2026 and has been asked for inputs on the same from the stakeholders. ITMA requested to all members to kindly review the attached Draft National Electricity Policy (NEP), 2026, and provide your comments and observations</p>
15.	CIRCULAR NO:331/2026 22ND JANUARY 2026	Standard Published - IS 19474 / 2026 - Hot-dip Aluminium and Aluminium-Silicon Coated Steel Sheet and Strip — Specificat ion	TO ALL MEMBERS	<p>IS :19474 / 2026 - Hot-dip Aluminium and Aluminium-Silicon Coated Steel Sheet and Strip ,established on 05 January 2026 through gazette notification dated 12 January 2026. The copy of standard and the gazette notification as forwarded by Member Secretary MTD 4 division of BIS. ITMA sent the same for members reference please.</p>

16.	CIRCULAR NO:332/2026 27TH JANUARY 2026	Minutes of the Meeting of the 37th meeting of BIS ETD 16 ,held on 12th December 2025 in Hybrid mode	TO ALL MEMBERS	Minutes of the Meeting of the 37th meeting of BIS Sectional Committee of ETD16 , held on 12th December 2025 in Hybrid mode, as forwarded by Member Secretary ETD 16 Sectional Committee of BIS. ITMA sent the same for members reference please
17.	CIRCULAR NO:333/2026 28TH JANUARY 2026	Minutes of the Meeting of the 37th meeting of BIS ETD 16 ,held on 12th December 2025 in Hybrid mode	TO ALL MEMBERS	A continuation to ITMA's circular No 332 dated 27th January 2026 , forwarded therewith the Minutes of the Meeting of the 37th meeting of BIS Sectional Committee ETD16 . Hope you would have gone through the MoM. Item no. 5 ,at page no 36 of the MoM is "Development of Seperate Indian Standards for Distribution Transformers made with CRGO and Amorphous core Material". In this item after the delebrations as given in the MoM ,in view of the divergence views of the members, no final decision was taken in the meeting. However the following decision was taken :" That the members shall submit their views, alongwith the technical justification on whether separate Indian Standards are required to be developedfor Distribution Transformers using CRGO and Amorphous core Materials within 30 days, after which a separate meeting would be convened to deliberate exclusively on the subject and arrive at a considered decision" Members are requested to kindly offer their views with the justification so that same could be forwarded to BIS after due consideration by the Executive Council.
18.	CIRCULAR NO:334/2026 28TH JANUARY 2026	Amendment 1 to IS 9550 : 2024 - Bright Steel Bars done on 16th January 2026 through Gazette Notification dated 19 January-26	TO ALL MEMBERS	The Amendment 1 to IS 9550 : 2024 - Bright Steel Bars send to members for their information and reference
19.	CIRCULAR NO:335/2026 28TH JANUARY 2026	Proposed vote for review - IEC/TC 68 - DC Ballot closing at IEC on 06 February 2026	TO ALL MEMBERS	A communication received from BIS, Metallurgical Department, MTD 4, sent to members to review the proposed vote and confirm their agreement by 30 January 2026.

20.	CIRCULAR NO:336/2026 29TH JANUARY 2026	Comments/Voting on document related to IEC TC 14/1204/FDIS - IEC 60076-4 ED2: Power transformers - Part 4: Lightning impulse and switching impulse tests of power transformers and reactors	TO ALL MEMBERS	A document received from BIS, Member Secretary Sectional Committee ETD 16 for comments/observations of the Stakeholders as (P) Member of IEC TC 14 Members are requested to kindly go through the attached document and offer their comments
21.	CIRCULAR NO:337/2026 3RD FEBERUARY 2026	Review of IS 1885 (Part 38): 1993 – Electrotechnical Vocabulary: Part 38 – Power Transformers and Reactors	TO ALL MEMBERS	The subject documents, as forwarded by the Electrotechnical Department of BIS for review and valuable feedback on this standard from the stakeholders. ITMA requested to all members to kindly examine whether the Electrotechnical Vocabulary related to Power Transformers and Reactors requires upgradation, or whether the existing standard continues to be relevant and aligned with current industry practices and requirements. It has been stated that the Indian Standard IS1885 (Part 38) :1993 is identical Adoption of IEC 60050-461:1990 and IEC 60050-461:1990 which has not been revised yet. All members are evaluation the document and valuable feedback on this attached standard is requested by 16th March 2026 so that the same could be forwarded to BIS accordingly.
22.	CIRCULAR NO:338/2026 7th FEBERUARY 2026	Invitation: 'India AI Impact Summit' Panel Discussion on “ Safe and Trusted AI: Standardization in the age of LLMs, Generative and Agentic AI” : on 17th February, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi.	TO ALL MEMBERS	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is organising a thematic session during the subject 'India AI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled to be held in New Delhi on 17th February, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi. Session Details: "Safe and Trusted AI": Standardization in the age of LLMs, Generative and Agentic AI " ITMA requested to all members, If members are interested and the topic is apt , may please register at the earliest on https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/registration on or before 08 Feb 2026.
23.	CIRCULAR NO:351/2026 DATED 12H FEBRUARY 2026	PVC Circulars for the month of JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026	TO ALL MEMBERS	PVC circulars for the month of JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026 received from Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers

				Association (IEEMA), for members information and guidance.
24.	CIRCULAR NO:339/2026 10TH FEBRUARY 2026	PVC Circulars for the month of DECEMBER/ JANUARY 2026	TO ALL MEMBERS	PVC circulars for the month of DECEMBER/ JANUARY 2026 received from Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers Association (IEEMA), for members information.
25.	CIRCULAR NO:340/2026 25TH FEBRUARY 2026	Amendment established on 6th February 2026 through a gazette notification dated 11 February 2026, to IS :14246 Continuously Pre-Painted Galvavised Steel Sheets & Strips	TO ALL MEMBERS	A communication received from Member Secretary MTD 4, copy of the subject Gazette Notification and amendment to IS : 14246 /2024 sent to all members for their information.
26.	CIRCULAR NO:341/2026 26TH FEBRUARY 2026	Inputs on MLC(MinimumLocalContent) for electrical items used in Oil and Gas Installations, as requested by MHI.	TO ALL MEMBERS	Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)has sought suggestion/recommendation on the Minimum Local Content (MLC) indicated in Annexure-I. Members are requested to kindly go through the details and revert on addition, deletion, or modification of items, pertaining to HSN code with present status of the Minimum Local Content (MLC) requirements, at the earliest.
27.	CIRCULAR NO:342/2026 26TH FEBRUARY 2026	The Caution Money requirement has now been waived, for the members registered on the GeM portal .	TO ALL MEMBERS	A communication received from GeM (Government-e- Market place) and circulated to all members for their information
28.	CIRCULAR NO:343/2026 27TH FEBRUARY 2026	Invitation : 25th Foundation Day Celebration of Bureau of Energy Efficiency on 1st March 2026 at India Habitat Centre , Lodhi Road New Delhi	TO ALL MEMBERS	invitation from BEE (Bureau of Energy Efficiency) for attending its 25th Foundation Day celebration on 1st March 2026, at India Habitat Centre Lodhi Road. The same are send to members for their information and further necessary action.
29.	CIRCULAR NO:344/2026 27TH FEBRUARY 2026	5th meeting of MTD 04/Panel 2 scheduled on Friday, 06th March 2026 at 04:00 PM , in virtual mode	TO ALL MEMBERS	The next meeting of MTD 04/Panel 2 has been fixed to be held on 6th March 2026 at 04.00 PM in Virtual mode. The agenda of the meeting send to members for their information
30.	CIRCULAR NO:345/2026 2ND MARCH 2026	Strengthening of Quality Control mechanism for pre-dispatch inspection of Power & Distribution Transformers under RDSS scheme	TO ALL MEMBERS	A communication dated 2nd Feburary 2026 from Executive Director, REC to CMDs/MDs/Head of the Discoms and the Project Managers on the subject, which is self explanatory. He has emphasized and suggested measures for strengthening the

				Quality Control mechanism during pre dispatch inspections of Power and distribution transformers to enhance the Quality of the Transformers supplied under RDSS. Members are requested to kindly go through the measures suggested as given in the attached letter of ED ,REC particularly the use of High-Security cable seals after completion of pre dispatch inspections at the works of the supplier / Manufacturer.
31.	CIRCULAR NO:346/2026 6TH MARCH 2026	Standard Published - IS 2062 (Part 2) : 2026, IS 19626 : 2026, IS 19608 :2026 , IS 2507 : 2026 by the Metallurgical Department (MTD) of BIS	TO ALL MEMBERS	Member Secretary Metallurgical Department MTD 4 of BIS as per the communication attached has informed that subject Indian Standards have been published through the Gazette notification and the same send to members for their information and reference.
32.	CIRCULAR NO:347/2026 6TH MARCH 2026	Standard Withdrawn - IS 4882 : 1979 - Specification for Low Carbon Steel Wire for Rivets for Use in Bearing Industry.	TO ALL MEMBERS	Member Secretary, Metallurgical Department MTD 4 , through the attached letter has informed that the following Indian standard has been withdrawn on 18 February 2026 through gazette notification dated 20 February 2026.1. IS 4882 : 1979 - Specification for Low Carbon Steel Wire for Rivets for Use in Bearing Industry (First Revision) this is for members information.
33.	CIRCULAR NO:348/2026 9TH MARCH 2026	Training programs to create awareness among consumers, retailers., relevant stakeholders etc. by BEE.Regarding : The adoption of energy-efficient appliances covered under BEEs S&L program.	TO ALL MEMBERS	A communication received from Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), which is self explanatory, requesting therein to nominate two (2) representatives to attend the subject meeting on 12th March 2026. Members are requested to go through the details and confirm your willingness to attend the subject meeting on 12th March 2026 in BEEs office at Delhi, by return mail, so that the names could be forwarded to BEE with the Approval of President ITMA.
34.	CIRCULAR NO:349/2026 12TH MARCH 2026	Wide circulation drafts circulated by Member. Secretary, Sectional	TO ALL MEMBERS	The WCs drafts as circulated by MS, Sectional Committee ETD16 for members review and

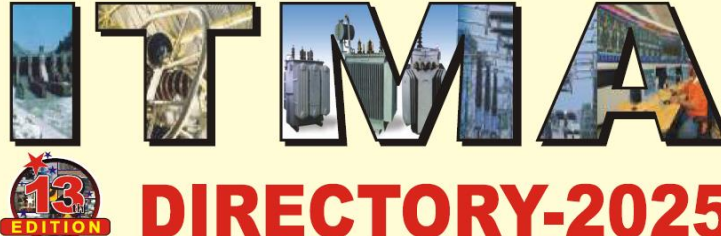
		Committee ETD 16 for the comments of the Stakeholders.		comments, kindly go through the draft and offer your comments.
35.	CIRCULAR NO:350/2026 12TH MARCH 2026	Comments from Mr. Kaushik Das, NTPC on the P-Draft of Tap Changers-Part 2 Application Guidelines (Doc. No. ETD 16 (27346)P)	TO ALL MEMBERS	Member Secretary, Sectional Committee ETD16, has forwarded the comments offered on P Draft document on, Tap Changers-Part 2 (Application Guidelines) by one of the Stakeholders, members are requested to go through the comments on the draft document and give/ offer your comments/ observations etc.

NEW UPDATE

1	India Ranks Third Globally In Renewable Energy Installed Capacity: Shri Pralhad Joshi
	India has emerged as the third-largest country globally in renewable energy installed capacity, reflecting significant progress in expanding clean energy infrastructure. It notes that government infrastructure such as the National Green Hydrogen Mission, with an outlay of ₹19,744 crore through 2029–30, aim to accelerate the transition to sustainable energy, boost domestic manufacturing, and position India as a global hub for green hydrogen production. The achievements underline India’s commitment to the energy transition, reduced carbon emissions, and strengthened energy security, while supporting economic growth and innovation in the renewable energy sector.
2	Inter-Ministerial Briefing On Recent Developments In West Asia
	The Government of India held a briefing at the National Media Centre to update the media on the situation in West Asia. Representatives from multiple ministries, including Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, External Affairs, and Information and Broadcasting, shared information on key areas such as fuel supply, maritime operations, support for Indian citizens in the region, and steps being taken to ensure stability across critical sectors.
3	Report of the Committee on the Use of Green GIS Technology in the Indian Grid
	The Green GIS Committee Report by the Central Electricity Authority outlines a roadmap to reduce the use of SF ₆ gas in gas-insulated switchgear (GIS), since it is an extremely potent greenhouse gas, and replace it with environmentally friendly alternatives like clean air and vacuum-based technologies. The report recommends a gradual phase-out of SF ₆ , promotion of green technologies through pilot projects and domestic manufacturing, development of technical standards and testing frameworks, and policy support to guide adoption. Overall, it aims to make India’s power infrastructure more sustainable while maintaining reliability and aligning with the country’s climate goals.
4	Government notifies Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 with ₹10,000 crore corpus to mobilise capital for startups
	The Government of India has launched the second phase of the Startup India Fund of Funds (FoF 2.0) with a corpus of ₹10,000 crore to strengthen the startup ecosystem by channeling capital into SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds rather than directly funding startups. This initiative supports deep-tech, manufacturing, and early-stage startups, with implementation led by the Small Industries Development Bank of India and oversight by designated committees. Building on the 2016 scheme, FoF 2.0 aims to bridge funding gaps, attract private investment, boost innovation and job creation, and support India’s vision of becoming a global innovation hub by 2047.
5	RELIEF MEASURES OFFERED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

- **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGs)** guarantee coverage 100% for MSMEs and 90% for non-MSMEs to member lending institutions (MLIs) for the amount in default to tide over short-term liquidity mismatch (Total target of Rs 2.55 bn). Relief aimed at improving liquidity and lender confidence.
 - **Force Majeure classification by MoF** –Ministry of Finance recognized the West Asia crisis as a force majeure event,delivery extensions without LD applicable for supplies impacted after 28th Feb 2026.
 - **Duty exemption on Polymers, Resins, Rubbers, etc.** - Temporary customs duty exemption introduced for key raw materials, which is Valid for 3 months. The exemption includes the key raw materials, i) PVC, ii) Compounds, and iii) Polymers/resins.
 - **Extension of RoDTEP benefits** – Continuing export incentives under RoDTEP aims to help exporters to maintain global competitiveness despite increasing logistics and input costs.
- Insurance Safety Bonds (ISBs) – Ministry of Power advisory issued to State Utilities that ISBs can now be accepted in place of Bank Guarantees in tenders/contracts. This is seen as major working capital relief for manufacturers, especially MSMEs.**

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