

Bureau of Indian Standards

Mumbai Branch office-I

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BIS Raid on manufacturing Unit of Packaged Drinking Water

An enforcement raid was carried out by team of officers of Bureau of Indian Standards, at the premises of M/s Riddhi Engineering, Pl no. 53, Netali Village, Manor, Palghar 410404, a manufacturer of Packaged Drinking Water on 28 February, 2019 based on input that the unit indulged in manufacturing, marking, packing of packaged drinking water with ISI mark without having valid license from BIS. During the operation large scale misuse of BIS Standard mark (ISI) was found. More than 1000 boxes of 1 L, 500mL and 250 mL PET Bottles were seized as evidence.

The said product is under mandatory certification notified by Government of India which implies that no person shall manufacture the product without having license from BIS to use the BIS standard mark (ISI). Action is being initiated against the offender for using BIS standard mark without prior permission of BIS, under violation of section 17 (1) of BIS act 2016. The offence is punishable by imprisonment up to 2 year or a fine of 3, 2,00,000/- minimum.

Unscrupulous manufacturers use BIS standard mark (ISI mark) without valid license to deceive the public in general. BIS, Mumbai has been carrying out series of raids (search and seizure operations), as and when information about misuse of Standard Mark is received/obtained, to protect the consumer from such deception and possible safety hazards which emanate from usage of such substandard/unsafe material. Anybody who has information about the misuse of Standard Mark may write to the Head, Bureau of Indian Standards, Mumbai Branch office-I, E-9, Behind Marol Telephone Exchange, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400093. Tel : 022-28329295. A complain can also be made by email at <u>mubol abis.gov.in</u>, or enfabis.gov.in. <u>The identity of the informant would be kept strictly confidential.</u>

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