



RW/NH-34066/09/2017-S&R(B)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
S&R(B) Section

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 24 February, 2021

To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments / UTs.
2. The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of all States / UTs Public Works Department dealing with National Highways, other Centrally sponsored schemes.
3. The Engineers-in-Chief and Chief Engineers of Public Works Department of States/UTs dealing with National Highways, other Centrally sponsored schemes.
4. The Director General (Border Roads), Seema Sadak Bhavan, Ring Road, Delhi 110010.
5. The Chairman, National Highways Authority of India, Plot G-5 & 6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi 110075.
6. The Managing Director, NHIDCL, PTI Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001.

Sub: Reinforcing Steel Bars: Clause 1009.3.1 of Ministry's Specifications for Road and Bridge Works regarding.

Sir,

Ministry vide circular no. RW/NH-34066/09/2017-S&R (B) dated 28.10.2020 has amended 2nd and 4th para of Clause 1009.3.1 of Ministry's Specifications for Road and Bridge, as under:

2nd Para

"All steel shall be procured from producers who manufacture billets directly from iron ores and roll the billets to produce steel conforming to IS: 1786. No re-rolled steel shall be incorporated in the works. The steel shall also be procured from other producers provided it is manufactured from the billets made directly from iron ores and not from shredded scrap and sponge iron as basic feedstock. In such cases, the other producers will have to submit the proof of purchase such as GST, Invoice etc. from the billet producers to establish that billets are made directly from iron ores and have been procured from them. The steel shall be got tested by the Engineer in the NABL affiliated laboratories only as a third party check. It shall be ensured that all the test results conform to IS: 1786."

4th Para

"For the steel procured from producers who manufacture billets directly from iron ores also, the Engineer/Employer may carry out checks on materials through third party as mentioned above, for conforming to the test results shown in the certificates so as to ensure the quality of steel supplied."

2. Ministry has received representation from Steel Manufacturers Association that other routes/material for production of steel may also be allowed as per relevant standards. Further, Ministry of Steel vide their D.O. No. S-20027/13/2020-TECH dated 12.01.2021 has clarified that Ministry of Steel does not support any classification of the steel producers and routes of steel production and use of raw materials have no bearing on the quality as long as production is as per relevant standards. Ministry of Steel in the said letter has highlighted adherence to BIS standards and purchase of BIS certified steel products.

3. The matter has been considered in the Ministry, and it has been decided to allow steel produced from ore/billets/pellet/melting of scrap subject to fulfillment of conditions mentioned below. Accordingly, clause 1009.3.1 of Ministry's specification for Road and Bridge works has been amended as under:

"For plain and reinforced cement concrete (PCC and RCC) or pre-stressed concrete (PSC) works, the reinforcement/unmentioned steel as the case may be, shall consist of the following grades of reinforcing bars:

Mild Steel (MS): Grade-1 (conforming to IS 432)

High Strength Deformed Steel (HSD): Fe415, Fe415D, Fe415S, Fe500, Fe500D, Fe500S, Fe550, Fe550D & Fe600 (conforming to IS 1786)

If any grade of steel given above is not available steel of next higher grade may be used.

For seismic zones III, IV & V, HSD steel bars having minimum elongation of 14.5% shall be used.

For seismic zones III, IV and V, HSD steel bars shall possess following properties:

- a. The actual 0.2% proof strength of steel bars based on tensile test must not exceed their characteristic 0.2% proof strength by more than 20 percent.
- b. The ratio of the actual ultimate strength to the actual 0.2 percent proof strength/yield strength shall be at least 1.15.

4. All the manufacturers/ suppliers, as the case may be, shall supply the purchaser or his authorized representative with the certificate stating the process of manufacture and also the test sheet signed by the manufacturer giving the result of each mechanical test applicable for each lot of the material supplied and chemical



composition. Sample shall be got tested by the Authority's Engineer/Independent Engineer/Supervision Consultant in the NABL accredited laboratories only, as a third party check before source approval. It shall be ensured that all the test results conform to IS: 432 (MS) or IS: 1786 (HSD).

Only new steel shall be delivered to the site. Every bar shall be inspected before assembling on the work and defective, brittle or burnt bars shall be discarded. Bars with cracked ends shall be discarded."

5. The contents of this Circular may please be brought to the notice of all the Concerned in your Organization for strict implementation. This circular will be implemented from the date of its issuance.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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For Director General (Road Development) & SS

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