



ALL INDIA TRANSFORMERS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Pramod Kumar Tiwari
Director General
Bureau of Indian Standards
Manak Bhawan
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New Delhi - 110002
Dear Mr. Tiwari,

Sub: Issues related to Surveillance Audit of BIS

The All India Transformers Manufacturers Association (AITMA), established in 2017, serves as the apex body representing the Indian electrical transformer and allied industries. With over 75% of transformer manufacturers under its ambit, encompassing finished products, components, and services, AITMA plays a crucial role in advancing the power infrastructure of the country. A significant proportion of our industry comprises small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which form the backbone of this sector.

We would like to draw your kind attention to certain challenges reported by our members concerning the surveillance audits conducted by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The key issues are as follow

- i) BIS currently conducts three surveillance audits per year, which are often scheduled on holidays or weekends, disregarding staff availability and causing inconvenience to the licensees.
- ii) Each audit requires sample testing, adding complexity to the process and placing an additional burden on licensees.

The audits are time-consuming and disrupt the day-to-day business operations of the licensees.

To address these challenges, AITMA respectfully suggests the following measures:

- a) BIS may consider conducting the surveillance audits once a year, ensuring they are scheduled on working days to minimize disruption and accommodate the convenience of licensees.
- b) BIS may explore conducting field testing of samples. Alternately, BIS may establish its own dedicated testing laboratories. These BIS laboratories could evolve into full-fledged testing centres, offering streamlined services to stakeholders while potentially generating revenue for BIS.

We believe that adopting these measures will reduce the operational burden on licensees and promote ease of doing business, aligning with the broader vision of fostering a conducive business environment in India.

We kindly request your consideration of these suggestions and look forward to your support in addressing these concerns. AITMA remains committed to collaborating with BIS to strengthen the industry's regulatory framework while ensuring efficiency and inclusivity.

With warm regards,

Sudeep Sarkar
Director General