

भारत सरकार/Govt. of India श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय Ministry of Labour & Employment खान सुरक्षा महानिदेशालय Directorate General of Mines Safety



No. DGMS/MSE/Circular (Approval) No. O1

Dated 2nd April, 2014.

To

All Owners/ Agents/ Managers of Coal and Metalliferous Mines.

Subject – Approval for use of Reflective harness (visibility harness), reusable Earplugs and Safety Goggles.

Sir,

- 1.0. Vide notification under reference G.S.R. 154 dated 28.07.2007 published in the Gazette of India, Part II, Sec– 3 Visibility harness/ Reflective harness, reusable Earplugs and Safety goggles were included in the list of items requiring approval by a general or special order in writing from the Chief Inspector of Mines (CIM), now designated as Director General of Mines Safety, under Regulations 181(3) of the CMR 1957.
- 2.0. These items have prescribed standards (amended on date) as per details given below-
 - I. Reflective Harness BS EN 471/2003
 - II. Safety Goggles IS 5983: 1980
 - III. Reusable Earplugs IS 9167: 1979 & IS 6229:1980
- 3.0. Approvals from this directorate were being granted on case to case basis since then and the mine managements have been using them for protection of their persons exposed to various hazards. Now it has been felt that the mines have become familiar with their necessity and have gathered sufficient experience in using such protective items.
- 4.0. Considering the fact that these items will be used more and more in future and the required quality can be ensured and maintained by both the manufacturer(s) and users in mines, if the laid down standards as referred above are followed strictly by them. In view of this, it is now decided to issue a general order specifying the standards to be complied with.
- 5.0 As provided under Regulation 181(3) of the Coal Mines Regulations, 1957 and the earlier published notification published in the Gazette of India, referred at Para 1.0. above, the standards for using them in coal mines, as stipulated at Para 2.0 above for respective items shall be considered as approved by the Chief Inspector of Mines by this general order in writing with effect from 1st May 2014. It may be noted that no specific approval will be required from this Directorate in this regard from that date.

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6.0. All Owners/ Agents/ Managers of Coal Mines using or intending to use these items are, therefore, requested to ensure at the time of procurement of these items that those conform—to the relevant standards referred above, updated or amended at that point of time. A mechanism in this regard shall be developed and established by the mining companies to ensure that such items are of desired quality.

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