

**Ministry of Steel
Technical Division**

Dated 09th September, 2020

Information on Technical Committee Meetings in 2nd Quarter of 2020-21

Ministry of Steel has constituted a Technical Committee for examination and analysis of the applications received for issuance of clarifications, whether the products are covered under the purview of the Steel and Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2020 notified on 17th July, 2020:

1. The 32th meeting of the Technical Committee was held on 1st September, 2020. The details of the applications examined, analyzed and summary of the recommendations are as follows :

No. of Grades Examined & Analyzed	No. of Grades declared Outside SQCO	No. of Grades found covered under SQCO	Rejected / Closed/ Deferred	Overlapping Grades
191	143	46	2	Nil

2. **The next meeting is scheduled on 14th September, 2020. In this regard, the following may be noted:**
 - **All the applications for clarification/ exemption are to be submitted through the QCO portal at URL: <http://tc-qco.steel.gov.in/tc-qco>. Application(s) submitted to the Ministry through the aforesaid QCO portal shall only be considered by the Technical Committee in the upcoming Technical Committee Meeting.**
 - Applicants are advised to read “**HOW TO USE QCO PORTAL**” available in the said QCO Portal to understand how applications are to be submitted.
 - Some modifications have been done in the application form of QCO Portal, all applicants are requested to please provide correct information as asked.
 - For applications seeking “**Clarification in Advance**”, valid and legible Copy of the Mill Test Certificates (MTC) indicating Certificate/Heat number, Specification Copy of International Standards & Company Specifications (combine this with MTC pdf) and Product Photograph must be uploaded.
 - For applications in which the material is in transit, in addition to the above, legible copy of all relevant documents viz. Invoice, Bill of lading, Actual Mill Test Certificates etc. shall be submitted. In case the material reaches the port of

destination, in addition to the above documents Bill of Entry, is also required to be submitted. In repeat cases, a copy of the previous clarifications (Previous NoC) from the Ministry of Steel must be submitted while submitting the application.

- For the applications in which raw material MTC is also required (eg. in case of pipes/tubes), applicants shall combine both raw material MTC and actual product MTC as one pdf and upload it on qco portal while submitting the applications.
- No special requests shall be entertained.
- For any query please contact at 011-23063550.
