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Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Public Procurement Division  
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Office Memorandum

**Subject: Use of National Regulations or National Standards or Building Codes in case of Public Procurement in terms of Rule 144(iii) of GFR 2017.**

Attention is invited to the above Rule, which states that the National Technical Regulations or recognized National Standards or Building Codes needs to be specified in the public procurement, wherever such standards exists. The Rule also provides that wherever such standard exists, if a procuring entity intends to adopt any other technical specification, he shall have to record his reasons in writing for doing so.

2. It has come to the notice of this Department that even in cases where Indian Technical specifications exist; the procuring entities specify foreign Quality Certifications and Accreditations. It is reiterated that wherever Indian Technical specifications and Quality Certifications exists, the procuring entity should prescribe them. In those rare or exceptional cases where, despite the existence of Indian technical specifications, the procuring entity intends to specify foreign Technical Certifications and Accreditations, it must record its reasons in writing for adoption of such other technical specifications. Needless to say, this may also be subject to matter of audit.

3. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

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