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Consider the following statements: 1. The Standard Mark of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is mandatory for automotive tyres and tubes. 2. AGMARK is a quality Certification Mark issued by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) 1 only. **BIS** certification (ISI Standard Mark) is mandatory for automotive tyres and tubes, while **AGMARK** is an Indian agricultural-produce mark, not an **FAO** certificate. Only statement 1 is correct, so this is the official key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Statement 2 misattributes **AGMARK** to **FAO**. Not the key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. The **FAO** claim knocks out both.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Tyres and tubes do need the **BIS** Standard Mark, so neither is wrong.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 only. The Bureau of Indian Standards makes the Standard Mark compulsory for specified goods, including automotive tyres and tubes, for safety. **AGMARK** is issued under the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937 by Indian authorities, not by the **FAO**. **FSSAI** marks on packaged food are a neighbouring certification story. Only the **BIS** tyre statement stands.

Related possible facts

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BIS

Bureau of Indian Standards

ISI / Standard Mark

Conformity to Indian Standards

AGMARK

Agricultural grading, 1937 Act

FAO

UN food and agriculture agency, Rome

FSSAI

Packaged-food safety regulator

BIS Act

2016 (earlier 1986 Act)

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