No11/57/2014-BIS Government of India Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food & PD Department of Consumer Affairs

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. Dated 8th June, 2015

To, Mr. Carl Malamud ATTN: Advisory Committee for Public Safety 1005 Gravenstein Highway North **United States**

(Through Diplomatic Bag)

Sub:- Petition from Mr. Carl Malamud, Public Resources. Org.

Sir,

Please refer to your e-mail dated 3rd November, 2014 addressed to Secretary(CA) regarding publishing of Indian Standards. A copy of petition submitted by you was sent to Bureau of Indian Standards for their comments on the issues raised by you. Views/comments of BIS are as under:-

- (i) BIS in their comments has informed that as per the clause 7(9) of BIS Rules, 1987 all BIS standards are priced publications and inline with the policy of other international standards bodies like ISO, IEC, BSI, ASTM etc. standards are priced so that it is valued and to incur the cost on the development of standards, therefore standards cannot be considered within the permissible action.
- Public Resources.org firm has violated the term and conditions for (ii) leasing of DVD which also includes copyright policy, so BIS is not bound to renew its subscription on DVD.
- BIS is selling standards in 'PDF' form. Hard copies of these are also (iii) available through BIS Office registered book sellers.
- BIS is already publishing its Standards on its website at wide-(iv) circulation stage of standards development for comments. Comments on the standards can be offered even after publishing.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K.Jain) Director

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DG, BIS, Manak Bhawan, New Delhi.