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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(HSM Division)

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Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003

Dated: 22nd July, 2022

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 8314.5 kg (241 flasks) mercury from Mexico by M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries

The undersigned is directed to refer your application dated 09.05.2022 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 12000 kg (approx. 348 flasks) mercury from Mexico.

2. It is noted that the Ministry has received Form A from the National Focal Point for Minamata Convention, Mexico vide email dated 28.06.2022 for seeking consent for export of 12000 kg (approx. 348 flasks).

3. The mercury imported is proposed to be used by M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries for manufacturing mercury based inorganic chemicals (mercury salts) in their Vadodara factory.

4. M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries has been authorised to manufacture inorganic chemicals and fine chemicals with the capacity of 50 MT/ month vide Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) Consolidated Consent and Authorization (CC&A) (Consent No. AWH – 118517), dated 06/05/2022 and valid till 31/12/2026. M/s Champa Purie-Chem has been authorised to manufacture more than 120 inorganic chemicals as mentioned in the CC&A, out of which 8 chemicals are mercury based salts (Mercurous Chloride, Mercurous Nitrate/all compounds, Mercuric Iodide, Mercuric Chloride, Mercuric Acetate, Mercuric Nitrate, Mercuric Oxide Red, Mercuric Oxide Yellow).

5. The maximum annual consumption of mercury consumed by M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries to manufacture mercury salts is 20,356.82 kg (approx. 590 flasks) during FY 2018-19 as per the data of last four years.

6. It has been observed that M/s Champa Purie-chem has manufactured 5 products (Mercuric Sulphate, Mercury Pure, PMN 35%, TMN 35%, PMO 20%) during last 4 years (2018-222) which are not in the authorised list of Consent to Operate issued by Gujarat Pollution Control Board.

7. It has been noted that PIC had been granted to M/s Orelia The Gold for import of 5968.5 kg (173 flasks) of mercury for M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries vide letter dated 08.11.2021, out of which 1932 kg (56 flasks) has been supplied to M/s Champa Purie-chem on 12.07.2022.

8. It has been informed that no interim storage facility at the port of entry has been proposed by M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries and the shipment of mercury will be transported directly to the Varodara factory premises from the port of entry (Navasheva Sea Port). It has been informed that the imported mercury will be stored within factory premises located at Vadodara, Gujarat. .

9. The Ministry has examined the application. **The National Focal Point of the Minamata Convention for India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby grants Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of mercury i.e., 8314.5 kg (241**

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flasks) by M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries from Mexico to be used in the manufacture of mercury salts.

10. The following conditions are stipulated for compliance by the importer:
- i. The consignment for import of mercury should not be contaminated with any other material or waste.
 - ii. The import shall be only for the intended use as allowed under the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
 - iii. In case of any illegal imports, the consignment will have to be sent back to the exporting country and the importer shall bear the cost for the same.
 - iv. The import shall be regularly monitored by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs and the Ministry shall be kept informed.
 - v. Importer shall be allowed for future imports only upon submission of statement regarding the supply/consumption/utilisation of imported mercury.
 - vi. M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries shall not use the mercury to manufacture any other product not listed under the CC&A (Consent Order no.: AWH-118571, Date of Issue: 06.05.2022 and valid till 31.12.2026) and shall not divert for any unauthorised purpose.
 - vii. Any non-compliance of these conditions by M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries will attract penal action under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 including debarring future import permissions.
11. The consent is valid for the above-mentioned consignment/quantities and can be used one time only.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Copy to:

1. National Focal Point for Minamata Convention, Mexico
2. The Director General of Foreign Trade, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Central Board of indirect Taxes & Customs, Dept. of Revenue.
4. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board-*with a request to monitor the transport of mercury.*
5. The Member Secretary, Gujarat Pollution Control Board- *with a request to monitor the transport, storage and consumption of mercury.*

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