

F.No 13/10/2020-HSMD
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(HSM Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jot Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003

Dated: 17th January, 2022

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 11,074.5 kg (321 flasks) mercury from Thailand to India by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned directed to refer your application dated 23rd December, 2021 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 11,074.5 kg (321 flasks) of mercury from Thailand.

2. It is noted that the Ministry vide letter dated 09th November, 2021 granted Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 3933 (114 flasks) mercury from Thailand as against the Form-A provided by the National Focal Point, Thailand for the quantity of 15,007 kg (435 flasks).

3. It has been noted that the end user of the imported mercury, i.e. M/s Napthalene Chemie Products, Nasik, Maharashtra has entered into contract with drug manufacturing industry for supply of 20,400 kg mercury salts for a period of one year which would require approximately 22,200 kg (at 92.5%) of mercury. It has also been informed that the total quantity proposed for import (15,007 kg) will be utilised by M/s Napthalene Chemie Products.

4. Further, the end user industry is authorised to manufacture mercury salts (Mercuric Oxide, Ammoniated Mercury, Mercury Chloride and Mercury Iodide) with capacity of 24 MT/annum as per the Consents to Operate (CTOs) issued by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) which is valid till 31.07.2026.

5. It has been noted that the exporting country, i.e. Thailand has provided Form-A and the Consent to export the mercury vide letter no.0304/9453 dated 2nd Sept, 2021.

6. In view of the above, **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., 11,074.5 kg (321 flasks) by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. from Thailand**, and 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.

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- (iv) The import shall be regularly monitored by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs and the Ministry shall be kept informed.
- (v) In case, the importer supplies it to other end user(s), if the end user in the present application does not take the full quantity, the importer shall provide the details of the end user(s) as prescribed in the Form 'X' before the mercury is supplied to the end user(s) who meet(s) all the conditions as laid out in Form 'X'.
- (vi) Importer shall file returns to the Ministry and concerned SPCB/PCC for the quantity of mercury supplied to end user(s) within 6 months from the date of import or within 3 months from the date of supply to the end user. In case of non-supply of mercury to end user, the status of storage shall be submitted within 6 months from the date of import.
- (vii) Importer shall be allowed for future imports only upon submission of statement regarding the supply/consumption/utilisation of imported mercury.
7. The consent is valid for the above-mentioned consignment/quantities and can be used one time only. The approval is subject to the provision of information by Exporting Party as contained in Section C of Form A.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Copy to:

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

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