

F.No. 13/13/2019-HSM
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(HSM Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jot Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003

Dated: 07th February, 2022

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 8625 kg (250 flasks) mercury from Peru to India by M/s KBNM Metals Private Limited.

The undersigned directed to refer your application dated 17th January, 2022 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 15,525 kg (450 flasks) of mercury from Peru.

2. It is noted that the National Focal Point, Peru has vide letter file no.2020010791 dated 28th February, 2020 provided the Form-A for export of 34,500 kg (1000 flasks) mercury from Peru.

3. It has been further noted that National Focal Point, India has provided consent for import of 3,450 kg (100 flasks) from Peru for use by M/s LS Chemicals for manufacture of mercury based salts vide letter dated 19.03.2021. It has been informed that 50 flasks have been delivered to M/s LS Chemicals on 06.12.2021.

4. It has been noted that the end user of the imported mercury, i.e. M/s Mercury Rasayans, Dist. Ganjam, Odisha and has been authorised to manufacture mercury salts (viz. Mercury Chloride and Mercurous Chloride) with the capacity of 13,760 kg/month vide Consent to Operate No.4148/CTO-591/2014 dated 21.12.2021 which is valid till 31.03.2023.

5. Further, PIC has been issued for import of mercury for use by M/s Mercury Rasayans for the quantity of 7417.5 kg (215 flasks) vide MoEFCC PIC dated 20.1.2022. Further, M/s Mercury Rasayans has received purchase orders for supply of 33 Metric Tonnes of Mercury Chloride for the year 2022-23.

6. The PIC for import of mercury of quantity 14,076 kg (408 flasks) have already been granted on 08.11.2021. Further, M/s LS Chemical has informed that the requirement of mercury would be met by the PIC granted dated 08.11.2021.

7. Further, it was proposed to store the imported quantity at M/s Arshiya Ltd. (Free Trade Warehousing Zone), Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra. Authorisation for storage of mercury to M/s Arshiya Ltd. from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was granted vide letter dated 1.1.2021 and 18.3.2021 which is valid till 31.1.2023. An agreement between the importer and M/s Arshiya Ltd. has been made for storage vide dated 14.7.2020.

8. It has been noted that M/s Mercury Rasayans has authorised M/s Pinkto Chemicals, Kolkata to supply input raw materials and output products from M/s Mercury Rasayans. M/s Pinkto Chemicals has provided consent to import mercury of 8625 kg (250 flasks) from the importer (M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd) vide letter dated 10.01.2021.

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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. 8625 kg (250 flasks equivalent) by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. from Peru**, 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.
- (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.
- (viii) The importer shall submit the status of supply of remaining 50 flasks to M/s LS Chemicals as per MoEFCC PIC dated 19.03.2021.

10. 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:-

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2. The Director General Foreign Trade, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, New Delhi. Email: membercus.cbic@gov.in.
4. The Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board, Odisha-with a request to monitor storage, transport and consumption of mercury.
5. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board- with a request to monitor storage and transport of mercury.

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