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

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Dated: 04th July, 2023

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 12,075 kg (350 flasks) mercury from Thailand to India by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer to your applications dated 01.06.2023 and 21.04.2023 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) to import total 12,075 kg (350 flasks) of mercury from Thailand to be supplied to M/s Gurjar Chemical Pvt. Ltd. (8625 kg/ 250 flasks) and M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries (3450 kg/ 100 flasks).

- 2. It has been noted that M/s Gurjar Chemical Pvt. Ltd. has been authorized to manufacture mercury salts (ammoniated mercuric chloride, mercuric acetate, mercuric chloride, mercuric iodide, mercuric nitrate, mercuric oxide, mercuric sulfate, mercuric sulphide, mercurous chloride and mercurous nitrate) and thiomersal (total 34,993 kg/annum) vide Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board (MPPCB) Consent to Operate (CTO) No. AWH 102458, dated: 19.06.2022 and valid till 31.08.2027.
- 3. The maximum production of the mercury salts by M/s Gurjar Chemical is 35,141 kg (FY 2021-22) and the corresponding consumption of mercury is 29,834.33 kg (approx. 865 flasks) according to the data of the last three years. It has been noted that M/s Gurjar Chemical Pvt. Ltd. has 1,483.5 kg (43 flasks) of mercury in stock at present.
- 4. It has further been noted that M/s Gurjar Chemical Pvt. Ltd. has placed an order for purchase of 250 flasks of mercury with M/s Purple Products vide purchase order dated 17.02.2023.
- 5. Further, Ministry had issued PIC to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries for import of 8314.5 kg (241 flasks) vide letter dated 22.07.2022. M/s Champa Purie vide letter dated 22.05.2023 has requested the Ministry to allocate/transfer the PIC for 3450 kg (100 flasks) to M/s Purple Products from the PIC issued on 22.07.2022 for 8314.5 kg (241 flasks).
- 6. M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries has been authorised to manufacture 50 MT/ month inorganic chemicals and fine chemicals 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. There are more than 120

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inorganic chemicals mentioned in the CC&A, out of which 8 are mercury based (mercury salts).

- 7. In view of the point above, it has been proposed to grant PIC for import of **12,075 kg (350 flasks)** to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd for the end users M/s Gurjar Chemical Pvt. Ltd. (8,625 kg/250 flasks) and M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries (3,450 kg/100 flasks).
- 8. Further, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is in receipt of Form A sent by the National Focal Point (NFP) to Minamata Convention, Thailand vide letter dated 28.03.2023 for seeking consent for export of 40,020 kg (1160 flasks). MoEF&CC has issued the PIC for import of 6900 kg (200 flasks) mercury against the said Form A of 40,020 kg (excluding the current PIC).
- 9. It has been proposed to provide PIC for import of the proposed quantity of 12,075 kg (350 flasks) of mercury from the balance quantity of 33,120 kg (960 flasks) from the Form A of 40,020 kg.
- 10. Imported mercury is proposed to be stored at M/s Baya Logisolutions Pvt. Ltd. at Uran, Raigad Dist., Maharashtra, who has the valid Consent from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for storage of mercury vide CTO letter dated 09.08.2021 and valid till 30.08.2023. Letter of Intent is available from M/s Baya Logisolutions Pvt. Ltd. to store mercury from the present importer vide dated 21.12.2019.
- 11. 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 12,075 kg (350 flasks) mercury from Thailand by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. to be supplied to M/s Gurjar Chemical Pvt. Ltd. (8,625 kg / 250 flasks) and M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries (3450 kg / 100 flasks).
- 12. The following conditions are stipulated for compliance by the importer:
 - 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'.

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- 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.
- 13. 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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- 1. The National Focal Point to Minamanta Convention, Thailand
- 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 storage, transport and consumption of mercury.
- 5. The Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- 6. The Member Secretary, Gujarat Pollution Control Board with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- 7. M/s Gurjar Chemical Pvt. Ltd.
- 8. M/s Champa Purie- Chem Industries

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