

F.No. 18/06/2024-HSM
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(HSM Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi- 110003.

Dated: 14th August, 2024

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 6,900 kg (200 flasks) mercury from Peru to India by M/s Trbex Impex Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer to your application dated 21.06.2024 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 6,900 kg (200 flasks) from Peru to be supplied to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries for manufacture of mercury salts.

2. National Focal Point (NFP), Peru has provided Form A for 50,000 kg (~1449 flasks) mercury vide letter dated 16.04.2024. No PIC has been granted yet from the said Form A.

3. 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, and CC&A amendment dated 03.08.2023. There are more than 125 inorganic chemicals mentioned in the CC&A, out of which around 15 are mercury based (mercury salts). Maximum allowed production quantity for individual chemicals have not been specified in the CC&A.

4. The maximum mercury usage according to the data of the past three years for M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries is 16141.96 kg (approx. 468 flasks) (FY 2021-22).

5. The Ministry has issued PICs for import of total 17,733 kg (514 flasks) to be supplied to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries.

6. Further, mercury request letter from M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries to procure mercury from the importer (M/s Trbex Impex Pvt. Ltd.) is available vide letter dated 15.06.2024.

7. Imported mercury is proposed to be stored at M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd., Ludhiana. M/s KBNM Metals Pvt Ltd. has obtained Consent for storage of mercury from Punjab Pollution Control Board vide Consent to Operate dated 25.10.2023 and valid till 30.06.2028. M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. vide letter dated 31.05.2024 has granted authorization to M/s Trbex Impex Pvt. Ltd. to store the mercury in their storage facility in Ludhiana.

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8. The Ministry has examined the application. **Approval of the National Focal Point of the Minamata Convention for India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is hereby conveyed for grant of Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of mercury i.e., 6,900 kg (200 flasks) by Trbex Impex Pvt. Ltd. to be supplied to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries.**

9. 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. 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.

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:

1. The National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Peru.
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 and consumption of mercury.*
6. The Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board-*with a request to monitor the transport and storage of mercury.*
7. M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries, 262- 263, GIDC Makarpura, Vadodara, Gujarat

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