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

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Dated: 19th May, 2023

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 6900 kg (200 flasks) mercury from Thailand to India by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer your application dated 23.02.2023 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of total 6900 kg (200 flasks) mercury from Thailand to be supplied to M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd. for manufacture of mercury salts.

- 2. The Ministry is in receipt of Form A from the National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Thailand vide letter dated 28.03.2023 for seeking consent for export of total 40.020 kg (1.160 flasks) mercury from Thailand.
- 3. It has been noted that M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd has been authorized to manufacture Mercury salts (upto 96 MT/year) vide Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) Consent to Operate dated 16.11.2019 and valid till 14.10.2024. The maximum consumption of mercury is 4313.01 kg/year (~125 flasks) during FY 2021-22 as per the data submitted of the last three years.
- 4. The Ministry has granted three PICs for import of total quantity of 4,278 kg (124 flasks) for M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd.
- 5. M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd., vide letter dated 20.2 .2023, has requested for reallocation of PIC application for import of 6,900 kg (200 flasks) mercury from M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. The letter further states that total 4485 kg (130 flasks) of mercury has been consumed in the FY 2022-23.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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., 6900 kg (200 Flasks) by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. from Thailand to be supplied to M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd.
- 8. 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.

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- 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.
- 9. 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 Minamata 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, Gujarat Pollution Control Board with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- 6. M/s Heni Drugs Pvt. Ltd.

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