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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(HSM Division)

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Dated: 04th August, 2023

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 13,834.5 kg (401 flasks) mercury from Thailand to India by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer to your applications dated 11.07.2023 and 22.06.2023 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) to import total 13,834.5 kg (401 flasks) of mercury from Thailand to be supplied to M/s L.S. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals (9,522 kg/ 276 flasks) and M/s TS Fine Chem (4,312.5 kg/ 125 flasks).

2. It has been noted that M/s TS Fine Chem has been authorized to manufacture mercury salts (ammoniated mercuric chloride, mercuric chloride, mercuric oxide and mercuric sulphate) vide M.P. Pollution Control Board Consent Order No.-AW-92382, dated: 21/10/2021 and valid till 30.09.2023.

3. The maximum production of mercury salts by M/s TS Fine Chem is 5,350.2 kg (FY 2022-23) and the corresponding consumption of mercury is 3824.2 kg (approx. 111 flasks) according to the data of the last three years.

4. The Ministry has granted the PIC for the import of total 5,350.2 kg (78 flasks) to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. to be supplied to TS Fine Chem vide letters dated 06.05.2022 and 03.01.2023. Further, TS Fine Chem vide letter dated 22.06.2023 has stated that out of the 78 flasks, M/s Purple has supplied 70 flasks. TS Fine has further requested for supply of additional 4,312.5 kg (125 flasks) for the FY 2023-24.

5. Further, M/s L.S. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals has been authorized to manufacture mercury salts (mercuric chloride, mercuric sulphate and mercuric oxide) (15.6 MT/annum) vide Consolidated Consent and Authorization (CC&A) from Gujarat Pollution Control Board (Consent order no.: AWH-126409, issued on 20.05.2023 and valid till 31.03.2028).

6. The maximum production of mercury salts by M/s L.S. Chemicals is 13,138 kg (FY 2021-22) and the corresponding consumption of mercury is 11445 kg (~332 flasks) according to the data of the last three years.

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7. The Ministry has granted the PICs to various importers/traders for import of total 22,701 kg (658 flasks) to be supplied to M/s L.S. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals, out of which 13,179 kg (382 flasks) has been supplied.

8. Further, the Ministry 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). The Ministry has issued the PIC for import of 18,975 kg (550 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 13,834.5 kg (401 flasks) of mercury from the balance quantity of 21,045 kg (610 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 13,834.5 kg (401 flasks) mercury from Thailand by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. to be supplied to M/s L.S. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals (9,522 kg/ 276 flasks) and M/s TS Fine Chem (4,312.5 kg/ 125 flasks).**

12. 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

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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 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, 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 L.S. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals
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