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

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Dated: 6th March, 2025

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 22,425 kg (650 flasks) mercury from Japan to India by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer your following applications for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) from the National Focal Point of Minamata Convention, India for importing total 22,425 kg (650 flasks) from Japan:

- Application dated 19.02.2025 for import of 8,625 kg (250 flasks) to be supplied to M/s Anita Industries (2587.5 kg/ 75 flasks), M/s Disha Instruments & Surgical Industries (4312.5 kg/ 125 flasks) for manufacture of Sphygmomanometers / Blood Pressure Measuring Instruments and M/s Hicks Thermometer (1725 kg/ 50 flasks) for manufacture of thermometers
- ii. Application dated 20.02.2025 for import of 13,800 kg (400 flasks) to be supplied to M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products (IEAP) for manufacture of Sphygmomanometers / Blood Pressure (BP) Measuring Instruments
- 2. The Ministry is in receipt of two Form A from the National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Japan vide emails dated 10.02.2025 and 04.02.2025 for seeking consent for export of 8,625 kg (250 flasks) and 13,800 kg (400 flasks) mercury, respectively, from Japan. No PICs have been issued yet against the mentioned Form A.
- 3. It has been noted that M/s Anita Industries has obtained undertaking from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee under the white category to manufacture BP Apparatus vide Ref. No. DPCC/CMC/WHITE/2018/4073555, dated 16/05/2020.
- 4. The maximum installed production capacity as per the undertaking is 30,000 Nos. per annum and the maximum annual production in the last 3 years is 25,093 Nos. (FY 2022-23) with the corresponding consumption of 2070 kg (approx. 60 Flasks) of mercury.
- 5. M/s Anita Industries, vide letter dated 28.01.2025, has requested M/s Purple Products to import 2,587.5 kg (75 flasks) mercury on their behalf.

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- 6. Further, MoEF&CC has granted four PICs to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. for import of total 8,418 kg (244 flasks) of mercury to be supplied to M/s Anita Industries.
- 7. M/s Disha Instruments & Surgical industries has obtained CTO for BP Instrument Assembly from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board dated 17.01.2025 and valid till 31.10.2027.
- 8. The maximum installed production capacity as per the Consent is 1,02,000 Nos. per annum and the maximum annual production in the last 3 years is 65,200 Nos. (FY 2023-24) with the corresponding consumption of 5,692.5 kg/ annum (165 flasks) of mercury.
- 9. Mercury request letter from M/s Disha Instruments & Surgical Industries, vide letter dated 28.01.2025, has requested M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. to procure 4,312.5 kg (125 flasks) of mercury on their behalf.
- 10. Further, the Ministry has issued two PICs to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. vide letters dated 26.04.2022 (3450 kg/100 flasks) and 31.07.2024 (4312.5 kg/ 125 flasks) for import of mercury to be supplied to M/s Disha Instruments & Surgical Industries.
- 11. M/s Hicks Thermometers has obtained the Consent from Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board for the approved production capacity of 3000 pcs of thermometers/day, valid for the period from 05.08.2024 to 31.07.2034.
- 12. The maximum annual production in the last three years is 26,72,197 nos. with corresponding mercury consumption of 2242.5 kg (65 flasks).
- 13. Further, the Ministry has issued three PICs vide letters dated 10.03.2022 (1035 kg/ 30 flasks), 26.04.2022 (724.5 kg / 21 flasks), and 09.02.2024 (1380 kg / 40 flasks) for import of mercury to be supplied to M/s Hicks Thermometers.
- 14. Mercury request letter from M/s Hicks Thermometers to procure mercury from the importer is available vide letter dated 07.02.2025.
- 15. M/s Industrial Electronic & Allied Products (IEAP) has obtained the following Consent to Operate (CTO) from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for their four plants to manufacture Blood Pressure (BP) Measuring Instrument:
  - a. 96,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide Consent to Operate dated 23.06.2023 and valid till 30.09.2029 (vide Consent No. 2306001881)
  - b. 96,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide Consent to Operate dated 03.08.2022 and valid till 31.07.2028 (vide Consent No. 2208000159)
  - c. 96,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide Consent to Operate dated
     23.06.2023 and valid till 31.07.2029 (vide Consent No. 2306001883)

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- d. 1,44,000 BP measuring instruments per annum vide Consent to Operate dated 15.05.2023 and valid till 31.05.2029 (vide Consent No. 2305001047)
- 16. The maximum installed production capacity as per the Consent is 4,32,000 BP instruments/ annum and the maximum annual production in the last 3 years is 2,34,500 Nos. (FY 2021-232) with the corresponding consumption of 15,870 kg (460 flasks) of mercury.
- 17. Further, MoEF&CC has granted five PICs to M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. for import of total 36,742.5 kg (1065 flasks) of mercury to be supplied to M/s IEAP.
- 18. Upon examination of the application, it has been proposed to provide PIC for import of 22,425 kg (650 flasks) of mercury to be distributed to the following end users:

S.No.	Manufacturer Name	Quantity for grant of PIC
		2,587.5 kg (75 flasks)
2	M/s Disha Instruments & Surgical industries	4,312.5 kg (125 flasks)
		1,725 kg (50 flasks)
4	M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products	13,800 kg (400 flasks)
· ·	Total	22,425 kg (650 flasks)

- 19. Further, it has been noted that the port of entry of the mercury shipment into India has been given as Chennai Port in Form X, and the imported mercury has been proposed to be stored at the interim storage facility of M/s Baya Logisolutions Pvt. Ltd. at Uran, Raigad Dist., Maharashtra.
- 20. M/s Baya Logisolutions Pvt. Ltd. has the valid consent from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for storage of mercury vide CTO letter dated 03.11.2023 and valid till 31.08.2025. Letter of Intent is available from M/s Baya Logisolutions Pvt. Ltd. to store mercury from the present importer vide dated 21.12.2019.
- 21. 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., 22,425 kg (650 flasks) by M/s Purple Products Pvt. Ltd. to be supplied to the end-users as given in Para 18.

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- 22. 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.
  - 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.
- 23. 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, Japan
- 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, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board- with a request to monitor the transport, storage and consumption of mercury.
- 5. The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board-with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- 6. The Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- 7. The Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- 8. M/s Anita Industries, 29, Bhagat Singh Market, New Delhi 110001.
- 9. M/s Disha Instruments & Surgical industries, S.No. 692/2+B, Bibwewadi Road, 3, Bhagyashree Co-op. Society, Near Phuspha Managal Karyalay, Pune -411037.
- 10.M/s Hicks Thermometers (I) Ltd., A-12, 13 & C-26, Industrial Estate, Aligarh -01 (U.P.)
- 11.M/s Industrial Electronics and Allied Products, 34, Electronic Co-op Estate, Pune-Satara Road, Pune - 411 009, Maharashtra

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