

F.No 13/13/2019-HSMD
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(HSM Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003

Dated: 19th March 2021

Subject: Import of mercury from Peru to India by KBNM Metals Ltd.

This is in reference to your application seeking to import of 3001.5 kg from Thailand, 34,500 kg from Peru and 23,874 kg from Peru.

2. As per the application, the end user of the imported mercury is M/s LS Chemicals, Gujarat who has an annual consumption of 11.7 MT as per the Consent to Operate issued by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB). M/s LS Chemicals was granted Consent to Operate by Gujarat Pollution Control Board on 23.7.2018.

3. It has been noted that the exporting country, i.e. Peru has provided Form-A and consent to import Mercury for the quantity of 34,500 kg vide their letter dated 28th February, 2020.

4. The interim storage facility of M/s Arshiya Ltd., District Raigad, Maharashtra was granted Consent to Operate on 01.01.2021. The inclusion of Mercury storage was recommended by the Consent Appraisal Committee on 22.01.2021. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board informed that the amended Consent will be issued in due course.

5. It has been noted that M/s LS Chemicals has also provided the consent to import Mercury from another importer. Based on the annual consumption of M/s LS Chemicals for a period 18 months and the requirement received from the other importer, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change permits the import of mercury i.e., 3,450 kg (100 flasks) by M/s KBNM Metals.

6. The National Focal Point of the Minamata Convention in India has granted consent to the import of 3,450 kg mercury from Peru along with Form-A, subject to the following conditions:

- (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.

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- (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'.
- (i) Importer shall file returns for the imported mercury supplied to end user(s) after 12 months and 18 months along with the details of consumption/utilisation by the end user(s).
- (ii) Importer shall be allowed for future imports only upon submission of statement regarding the consumption/utilisation of imported mercury.

7. 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:-

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2. Director General Foreign Trade, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Chairman, Gujarat Pollution Control Board.
4. The Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

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