

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

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan
Jor Bagh Road
New Delhi- 110003

Dated: 05th December, 2022

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 7900.5 kg (229 flasks) mercury from Peru to India by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer your application as per the email dated 19.09.2022 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 8625 kg (250 flasks) of mercury from Peru.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is in receipt of the Form-A sent by National Focal Point (NFP), Peru for 34500 kg (1000 flasks) mercury vide letter dated 28th February, 2020.

3. MoEF&CC has provided the PICs for the export of total quantity of 26,599.5 kg (771 flasks) till date, excluding the current PIC, against the said Form A of 34500 kg.

4. The applicant requested for PIC for import of 8625 kg (250 flasks) of mercury from the balance quantity from the Form A of 34500 kg. However, the balance quantity in the Form A of 34,500 kg is 7900.5 kg (229 flasks).

5. The mercury from the present application is proposed to be used for M/s Girgan Fine Chemical Private Limited for the manufacture of mercury salts.

6. M/s Girgan Fine Chemical Private Limited has provided the consent letter for import of 8625 kg of mercury to M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. vide letter dated 09.09.2022.

7. M/s Girgan Fine Chemical Private Limited has obtained Consent to Operate (CTO) from Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board manufacture mercury salts, namely Mercurous Chloride, Mercury Chloride, Mercury Sulphide Grade – 1 (soft), Mercury Sulphide Grade -2 (Semi hard) and Mercury Sulphide Grade-3 (Hard), vide Order No: 2022-2023/Bhiwadi/8072, dated: 18.06.2022 and valid till 31.05.2027. The total approved production capacity of the mercury salts in the CTO is 92,970 kg/annum. The total mercury consumption projected in FY 2022-23 by M/s Girgan Fine Chemical Pvt. Ltd. is 22,200 kg.

7. It was noted that M/s Girgan Fine Chemical Pvt. Ltd. is a new company and it does not have the past record for maximum annual mercury consumption.

9. The interim storage facility is M/s Arshiya Ltd. (Free Trade Warehousing Zone) at Panvel, Raigad Dist., Maharashtra, who has the consent from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for storage of mercury vide letter dated 01.01.2021 and 18.03.2021 and valid till 31.01.2023. The applicant has submitted an Agreement between M/s KBNM Metals Private Limited and M/s Arshiya Logistics Services Limited, with commence date 14.07.2020 and valid for three years. M/s Arshiya Logistics Services is a unit holder in the Arshiya Free Trade & Warehousing Zone.

10. 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., 7900.5 kg (229**

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flasks) by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. from Peru to be supplied to M/s Girgan Fine Chemical Private Limited.

11. 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.
 - 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.
 - The import shall be regularly monitored by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs and the Ministry shall be kept informed.
 - 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'.
 - 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.
 - Importer shall be allowed for future imports only upon submission of statement regarding the supply/consumption/utilisation of imported mercury.

12. 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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- The National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Peru.
- The Director General of Foreign Trade, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The Central Board of indirect Taxes & Customs, Dept. of Revenue.
- The Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board-with a request to monitor the storage, transport and consumption of mercury.
- The Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board-with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.
- M/s Girgan Fine Chem Private Limited