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

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Jor Bagh Road,
New Delhi- 110003.

Dated: 15th February, 2023

Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 23,805 kg (690 flasks) mercury from Peru to India by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd.

The undersigned is directed to refer your applications dated 29.07.2022 and 11.11.2022 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 8625 kg (250 flasks) and 16,905 kg (490 flasks) of mercury, respectively, from Peru.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is in receipt of the Form-A sent by NFP, Peru for 50,000 kg (~1449 flasks) mercury vide letter dated 23.01.2023.
3. The mercury from the present applications is proposed to be supplied to M/s Mercury Rasayans and M/s Macsen Fine Chem to manufacture of mercuric salts.
4. M/s Mercury Rasayans has obtained the Consent to Operate (CTO) from Odisha State Pollution Control Board to manufacture Mercuric Chloride / Mercurous Chloride vide Consent Order No. 1321/2021-22, dated: 21.12.2021 and valid till 31.03.2023. The permissible quantity of manufacture of Mercuric Chloride / Mercurous Chloride as per the CTO is 13,760 kg/year with corresponding mercury usage of approximately 12,824 kg/year (approx. 372 flasks).
5. It has been noted that M/s Mercury Rasayans has received work order from M/s Pinkto Chemicals vide letter dated 10.01.2022 for supply of 33,500 kg of Mercuric Chloride during the period of 01.01.2022 to 31.03.2023.
6. Further, M/s Pinkto Chemicals has given consent letter for supply of 8625 kg (250 flasks) mercury to M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. for manufacture of Mercuric Chloride under their manufacturing facility contract with M/s Mercury Rasayans.
7. Further, MoEFCC is in receipt of status of mercury usage from M/s Pinkto Chemicals / M/s Mercury Rasayans vide letter dated 26.12.2022. It was noted that against the 10,729.5 kg (311 flasks) received by M/s Pinkto Chemicals / M/s Mercury Rasayans, approximately 6,831 kg (198 flasks) has been utilized in the last one year.
8. Based on the consumption in the last one year of approximately 6,831 kg (198 flasks) of mercury, PIC for import of 6,900 kg (200 flasks) has been granted in this application to be supplied to M/s Pinkto Chemicals / M/s Mercury Rasayans.
9. Further, it has been noted that M/s Macsen Fine Chem has obtained Consent to Operate from Rajasthan Pollution Control Board vide letter dated 16.10.2018 for manufacture of 102 MT of mercury salts (Mercuric Iodide, Mercuric Nitrate, Mercuric Oxide and Mercuric Sulphate) per annum and is valid till 31.07.2023.

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10. The Ministry is in receipt of a request letter dated 07.11.2022 from M/s Mascen Fine Chem for reallocation of the PIC for import of 16,905 kg (490 flasks) of mercury from M/s Orelia The Gold to M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd.

11. It was proposed to store the imported mercury at 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.

12. 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., 23,805 kg (690 flasks) by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. from Peru to be supplied to M/s Pinkto Chemicals / M/s Mercury Rasayans (200 flasks) and M/s Mascen Fine Chem (490 flasks).**

13. 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 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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Copy to:

1. The National Focal Point to Minamata Convention, Peru.
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, Odisha State Pollution Control Board-*with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.*
6. The Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board-*with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.*
7. M/s Pinkto Chemicals
8. M/s Mercury Rasayans
9. M/s Macsen Fine Chem

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