

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

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Jor Bagh Road,  
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Dated: 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

**Subject: Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 4,036.5 kg (117 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 13.02.2023 for seeking Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for import of 4,036.5 kg (117 Flasks) of mercury from Peru to be supplied to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries for manufacturing mercuric salts.

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. MoEF&CC had issued the PIC for import of 23,805 kg (690 flasks) mercury against the said Form A of 50,000 kg vide letter dated 15.02.2023.

3. It has been proposed to provide PIC for import of the proposed quantity of 4,036.5 kg (117 Flasks) of mercury from the balance quantity of 26,195 kg (~759 flasks) from the Form A of 50,000 kg.

4. M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries has been authorised to manufacture 50 MT/month inorganic chemicals and fine chemicals vide Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) Consolidated Consent and Authorization (CC&A) (Consent No. AWH – 118517), dated 06/05/2022 and valid till 31/12/2026. There are more than 120 inorganic chemicals mentioned in the CC&A, out of which 8 are mercury based (mercury salts).

5. It has been noted that M/s KBNM has received consent letter M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries for supply of 4,036.5 kg (117 Flasks).

6. It has further been noted that the Ministry vide letter dated 08.11.2021 had issued PIC to M/s Orelia The Gold for importing 5968.5 kg (173 flasks) to be supplied to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries, out of which Orelia The Gold has supplied 1,932 kg (56 flasks). For the remaining 4,036.5 kg (117 flasks), M/s Champa Purie has given a request letter for reallocation of PIC to M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd vide letter dated 03.01.2023.

7. Further, in the past one year, Ministry has issued one PIC to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries for import of 8314.5 kg (241 flasks) vide letter dated 22.07.2022.

8. Imported mercury is proposed to be stored at M/s Arshiya Free Trade & Warehousing Zone at Panvel, Raigad Dist., Maharashtra. Authorisation for storage of mercury to M/s Arshiya Ltd. from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was granted 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.

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9. 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., 4,036.5 kg (117 Flasks) by M/s KBNM Metals Pvt. Ltd. from Peru to be supplied to M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries.**

11. 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.

10. 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, Gujarat Pollution Control Board-*with a request to monitor the transport and consumption of mercury.*
6. M/s Champa Purie-Chem Industries