

Decision of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change with respect to import and export of hazardous and other waste under the Hazardous and other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 as approved by the Competent Authority on the basis of recommendation of the Minutes of 130th Meeting of Expert Committee (EC) held on 07th February, 2024

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130th Meeting of Expert Committee (EC) for Appraisal of Applications for Import/ Export of hazardous and other wastes with reference to Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 held on 07th February, 2024 through Video Conferencing under the chairmanship of Shri Sudhir Srivastava. The EC considered the proposals as per the agenda adopted for the meeting. The details of deliberations held and decisions taken in the meeting are as under:

AGENDA NO. 1. IMPORT OF LEAD SCRAP/ BATTERY SCRAP (B1020/A1160)

1.1. M/s Chloride Metals, Kolar, Karnataka (F.No.23-153/2014-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 50,000 MT Lead Scrap as per ISRI Code (Radio/Rakes/Rinks/Ropes/Relay/Rents/Racks/Rails/Rains) (B1020/A1160). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, Lead analysis report in soil, air, water, stack and blood of the workers. Consent Order No. AW-326177 dated 13th August, 2021 is valid up to 30th June, 2026. The Authorization No. is 326288 dated 19th August, 2021 is valid up to 30th June, 2026. The consented capacity for Lead alloys is 9,500 MT/M, Small components (lead alloys) - 500 MT/M. The date of establishment is 01st January, 2021. The actual date of operation is 29th May, 2003. The unit has working strength of 420 Nos. of employees. The production in last FY (2022-2023) is 79,853 MT. The export was 855.505 MT in FY (2022-23). The previous permission was given for the import of 36,000 MT of lead Scrap vide letter dated 17th August, 2022 & 16th March, 2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 19th January, 2023.

Recommendation: Based on the information and details submitted by the applicant, the EC recommended import of 50,000 MT Lead Scrap as per ISRI Code Radio/Rakes/Ropes/Relay/Rents/Racks/Rails (B1020), RAINS (A1160) not more than 2% of liquid/electrolyte by weight in a given lot/consignment/container) and RINKS (A1160). The EC also recommended that RINK will be included after one-time verification by CPCB regarding availability of suitable technology/process in this regard and the ability of the unit to effectively handle the quantity of rink sought to be imported. Further, the quantity of import of RINK will be limited to 50% of the total import quantity recommended and availability of suitable technology/process and the ability of the unit to effectively handle the quantity of rink subject to the receipt of CPCB report.

1.2. M/s Jain Resource Recycling Pvt Ltd, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu (F. No. 23-130/2014- HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 80,000 MTA Lead Scrap per ISRI Code (Radio/Rakes/Relay/ Ropes/ Rents/ Racks /Rails/ Rains/ Rink) (B1020 / A1160). The applicant has

furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, Lead analysis report in soil, air, water, stack and blood of the workers. The Consent Order No. 2307249992487 dated 25th March, 2023 is valid up to 31st March, 2028 and Authorisation No. 22HFC7709451 Dated 01st December, 2022 is valid up to 31st March, 2027. The consented capacity for Lead Ingot is 57000 TPA. The date of establishment is 2013. The actual date of operation is 05th September, 2013. The unit has working strength of 220 Nos of employees. The production in last FY (2022-2023) is 55256 MT. The export was 23563 MT (High purity Lead) & 1397 MT [Lead alloy] in FY (2022-23). The previous permission was given for the import of 65,480 MT of lead Scrap vide letter dated 19th December, 2022. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 19th January, 2022.

Recommendation: Based on the information and details submitted by the applicant, EC recommended import of 53,480 MT of lead Scrap per ISRI Code (Radio/ Rakes/Relay/ Ropes/ Rents/ Racks /Rails/) (B1020), RAINS (A1160) not more than 2% of liquid/electrolyte by weight in a given lot/consignment/container) and RINK (A1160). Further, the quantity of import of RINK will be limited to 50% of the total import quantity recommended.

1.3. M/s Skylead, Raigad, Maharashtra (F. No. 23/87/2022- HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 19,000 MT of Lead Scrap ISRI code (Radio/ Racks/ rakes/ Ropes/Relay/ rents/ Rails/ Rono/ Range) (B1020). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, Lead analysis report in soil, air, water, stack and blood of the workers. The Consent Order No. BO/MPCB/RO(HQ)/NG/CO/B- 2102000175 dated 03rd February, 2021 is valid up to 31st January, 2025 and Authorisation No. is MPCB/RO(HQ)/HSMD/ Auth/19/H&OW-88 dated 13th February 2020 is valid up to 31st January, 2025. The consented capacity for Lead and Lead based alloy is 15500 MTPA. The date of establishment is 2nd May, 2017. The actual date of operation is 24th February, 2020. The unit has working strength of 96 Nos of employees. The production in last FY (2022-2023) is 14,145.780 MT. The export was 5361.780 MT in FY (2022-23). The previous permission was given for the import of 9290 MT of lead Scrap vide letter dated 14th February, 2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 16th December, 2021.

Recommendation: Based on the information and details submitted by the applicant, EC recommended import of 10,840 MT of Lead Scrap ISRI code (Radio/ Racks/ Rakes/ Ropes/Relay/ Rents/ Rails/ Rono) (B1020).

1.4. M/s Sterling Lead Pvt. Ltd, Kohlapur, Maharashtra (F. No. 23-42/2009-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 7,200 MT of Dry lead scrap in various shapes (B1020). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, Lead analysis report in soil, air, water, stack and blood of the workers. The Consent Order No and Authorisation no. 1.0/ RO-HQ/UAN No.0000111411 /CR -2106000963 dated 21st June, 2021 is valid up to 31st May, 2026. The consented capacity of Lead and Lead Ingot is 3600 MT/A. The date of establishment is 20th April, 2006. The actual date of operation is 16th December, 2008. The unit has working strength of part time employees. The production in last FY (2022-2023) is 1696.238 MT. The export was Nil in FY (2022-23). The previous permission was given for the import of 740 MT of lead Scrap vide letter dated 18th February, 2021. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 7th November, 2019.

Recommendation: Based on the information and details submitted by the applicant, the EC recommended import of 945 MT Lead Scrap as per ISRI code: (Radio, Racks, Rails, Relay, Ropes, Rent, Rakes) (B1020). The 50% of the quantity recommended above (473 MT) may be granted now and the rest 50% (473 MT) may be granted after submission of site visit report by CPCB stating compliance of SOP without referring the application to the EC.

1.5. M/s Sither Metal Industry, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu (F. No. 23-280/2014-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 7000 MT of Lead Scrap Batteries as per ISRI Code Rains (A1160). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, Lead analysis report in soil, air, water, stack and blood of the workers. The Consent Order No 2208242948240 dated 01st April, 2022 is valid upto 31st March, 2027 and Authorisation no. No. 24HFC52529917 dated 10th January, 2024 is valid up 31st March, 2028. The consented capacity of Lead ingot is 30 TPD. The date of establishment is 05th September, 2012. The actual date of operation is 11th April, 2014. The unit has working strength of 45 Nos. of employees. The production in last FY (2022-2023) is 4220 MT. The export was Nil in FY (2022-23). The previous permission was given for the import of 3,425 MT of lead Scrap vide letter dated 11th April, 2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 09th July, 2021.

Recommendation: Based on the information and details submitted by the applicant, the EC recommended import of 3,500 MT Lead scrap (ISRI Code: Rains) (A1160) not more than 2% of liquid/electrolyte by weight in a given lot/consignment/container). The import of RAINS (A1160) is allowed subject to the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) of the exporting country

1.6. M/s BMS Metal Industries, Sirsa, Haryana (New Application):

The application pertains to import of 15,000 MT Lead Scrap (Radio, Racks, Ropes, Rails, Rents, Rakes, Relay, Roses, Lead Grids, Lead Paste, Lead Dross, Lead Scrap in crushed or powder form) (B1020). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, Lead analysis report in soil, air, water, stack and blood of the workers. The Consent Order No. HSPCB / Consent/ : 30782023SIRCTO47709127 dated 11th November, 2023 is valid upto 30th September, 2028 and Authorisation No HWM/SIR/2024/34585501 dated 07/01/2024 is valid up to 30th September, 2028. The consented capacity for Re melted Lead ingot is 148.80 MT/day. The date of establishment is 19th November, 2020. The actual date of operation is 18/07/2021. The unit has working strength of 30 Nos of employees and 45 in contractual basis. The production in last FY (2022-23) is 26,863.54 MT

Recommendation: Based on the information and details submitted by the applicant, the EC recommended import of 14,900 MT Lead Scrap (Radio, Racks, Ropes, Rails, Rents, Rakes, Relay, Roses, Lead Grids, Lead Paste, Lead Dross, Lead Scrap in crushed or powder form) (B1020) that may be granted after submission of site visit report by CPCB stating compliance of SOP without referring the application to the EC.

1.7. M/s Odhavaram Overseas Pvt. Ltd, Kachchh, Gujarat (New Application)

The application pertains to import of 5,000 MT of Lead Scrap ISRI Lead Scrap (Radio, Racks, Rails, Relay, Ropes, Rents, and Rakes) (B1020). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, Lead analysis report in soil, air, water, stack and blood of the workers. The Consent Order No. and Authorisation No AWH -120978 dated 24/08/2022 & GPCB/HAZ-GEN-634(1)/685883 dated 12/10/2022 is valid up to 30th April, 2027. The consented capacity for Purified lead ingot is 300 MT/Month, Lead Acid Battery plates and other lead scrap is 4050 MTPA. The date of establishment is 17th March, 2020. The unit has working strength of 32 Nos of employees. The production in last FY (2022-23) is 2150 MT

Recommendation: Based on the information and details submitted by the applicant, the EC recommended import of 1,194 MT Lead Scrap as per ISRI code: (Radio, Racks, Rails, Relay, Ropes, Rent, Rakes) (B1020) that may be granted after submission of site visit report by CPCB stating compliance of SOP without referring the application to the EC.

1.8. M/s Shri Sons Revival Pvt. Ltd, Chandrapur, Maharashtra (F. No.23/113/2022 - HSMD):

The applicant has requested for the extension of validity period of previous permission granted for import of 1,000MT of Lead Scrap vide letter dated 31st August, 2022 by at least 6 months. They have mentioned that they have imported approx. 50 MT & 150 MT is on the way and balance to be imported yet. They have started to import in January, 2024 after completing all the paper work as per requisite by custom & other department and the permission is valid till 28th February, 2024 so requested for its extension.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on proposal, recommended the extension of validity for 06 months from the date of expiry of the earlier permission issued for import of 1,000 MT of Lead Scrap *vide* letter dated 31st August, 2022 i.e. up to 30th August, 2024. No further extension will be given.

1.9. M/s Nile Limited, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh (F. No.23-139/2014-HSMD):

The applicant has given permission for import of 19,120 MT of Lead Scrap (as per ISRI Code: Radio, Racks, Ropes, Rails, Rents, Rakes, Relay and Rains with not more than 2% of liquid/electrolyte by weight in a given lot/consignment/container), Lead Acid Accumulators, Lead powders & Flakes, Lead grids, Lead Paste and other Lead Waste (B1020/A1160) vide permission letter dated 21/12/2022, 11/04/2023 and 02/08/2023.

Now the applicant has requested to include ISRI Code: RINK in their previous permission letter as CPCB has verified the unit for having facilities for processing and handling RINK.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation, recommended to include Lead Scrap (ISRI Code: RINK) (Basel No. A1160) in the previous permission granted for import of 19,120 MT of Lead Scrap (as per ISRI Code: Radio, Racks, Ropes, Rails, Rents, Rakes, Relay and Rains with not more than 2% of liquid/electrolyte by weight in a given lot/consignment/container), Lead Acid Accumulators, Lead powders & Flakes, Lead grids, Lead Paste and other Lead Waste

(B1020/A1160) vide letter No. 23-139/2014-HSMD dated 21st December, 2022, 11th April, 2023 and 02nd August, 2023.

AGENDA NO. 2; IMPORT OF USED RUBBER TYRES SCRAP
(BASEL NO. 3140/B3080/B3040)

Benchmarking for electricity consumption

The EC noted wide variation in electricity cost per tonne of crumb produced. Some of it is no doubt due to the difference in the mesh size of the final product, but even material as coarse as 20 mesh would need a certain minimum amount of energy. EC therefore decided that henceforth, whenever per tonne energy cost is reported to be less than Rs. One Thousand and the quantity claimed to have been produced is more than 10000 tonnes annually, the applicant would be required to produce details of monthly production with mesh size, electricity consumption, details of machinery with their power ratings, buyers list. EC may consider further verification including a site visit or verification of buyers environmental statement through the SPCB.

2.1. M/s Markap Resources Pvt. Ltd., Abu Road, Sirohi, Rajasthan (F.No.23-259/2014- HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 15,000 MT of Old/used rubber tyre scrap/tube scrap (non-radial/ radial tyres) (B3080/ B3140). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent to Operate No. F(Tech)/Sirohi(Abu Road)/177(1)/2013-2014/1897-1898 Order No : 2017-2018/Pali/5874 dated 10th August, 2017 is valid upto 31st March, 2027 and authorization no. F(Tech)/Sirohi(Abu Road)/1400(1)/2016-2017/284-285 dated 12th October, 2021 is valid up to 31st March, 2026. The consented capacity for all type of Reclaim Rubber Product is 100,000 MTA. The date of establishment is 11th February, 2013. The actual date of operation is 28th April, 2014. The unit has working strength of 15 no. of employees. The previous permissions was given for the import of 9230 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letter dated 11th April, 2023. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 20,491.128 MT (2022-23). The export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 1,01,82,986/- (connected load of 1101 HP) in FY 2022-2023. GST of Rs. 22,23,860/- was paid by the applicant during 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 26th February, 2022.

Recommendation: The EC noted that the electricity bill paid by applicant is quite less w.r.t. their production. Accordingly, EC deferred the proposal till the verification of electricity consumption vis-a-vis production by CPCB.

2.2. M/s Nikhil Petro Chem Pvt. Ltd, Sabarkantha, Gujarat (F.No.23-69/2016-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 5,000 MT Old/used rubber tyre scrap (B3080 & B3140). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent to Operate and authorization no. CC&A No. AWH- 42390 dated 24th July, 2020 and is valid up to 04th November, 2025. The consented capacity for crumb rubber is 3000 MT. The date of establishment is 18th October, 1996. The actual date of operation is 5th December, 2014. The unit has working strength of 37 no. of

employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 8430 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letters dated 15th March, 2022. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 5,381 MT (2022-23). The export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 36,64,914.81/- (connected load of 600 KVA) in FY 2022-2023. GST of Rs. 94,46,205/- was paid by the applicant during 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 22nd March, 2020.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted and GST paid by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import of 3,600 MT Old/used rubber tyre scrap (B3080 & B3140) for manufacturing of crumb rubber. The 50% of the quantity recommended above (1,800 MT) may be granted now and the rest 50% (1,800 MT) may be granted after receipt of site visit report by CPCB stating compliance of SOP without referring the application to the EC.

2.3. M/s V.K. Global, Mandvi, Gujarat (New application)

The application pertains to import of 5,000 MT Old /Used Rubber Tyre Scrap/ Tubes Scrap (B3140 & B3080). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The consolidated Consent to Operate and authorization no. CCA No. 128684 dated 28th August, 2023 is valid up to 28th July, 2028. The consented capacity for Crumb Rubber, Rubber Chips/ Rubber Mulch is 4000 MT/M. Fibres obtained from rubber scrap is 200 MT/M. The unit has working strength of 15 no. of employees.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import of 1,500 MT of Old /Used Rubber Tyre Scrap/ Tubes Scrap (B3140 & B3080) for manufacturing of Crumb Rubber, Rubber Chips/ Rubber Mulch that may be granted after submission of site visit report by CPCB stating compliance of SOP without referring the application to the EC.

2.4. M/s Horizon Reclaim (India) Pvt. Ltd, Haridwar, Uttarakhand (F.No.23-112/2013-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 12,000 MT Old/used rubber tyre scrap/tube scrap (B3080). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent Order No. and authorization no. UKPCB/HO/Con/H-210/2023/298 dated 22nd June, 2023 is valid up to 31st March, 2024. The consented capacity for Reclaimed Rubber and Crumbs is 2000 MT. The date of establishment is 21st August, 2006. The actual date of operation is 14th September, 2007. The unit has working strength of 55 nos. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 1850 MT (Out of 3700 MT) of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letters dated 17th February, 2021. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 5,627 MT (FY 2022-23). The export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 1,26,08,188/- (connected load of 500 KVA) in FY 2022-2023. GST of Rs. 1,63,63,562/- was paid by the applicant during FY 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 29th September, 2021 recommending some improvement in the unit. So, again the virtual inspection was conducted by CPCB on 26th September, 2023 stating the status of improvements complied by the applicant.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted and GST paid by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import 3,750 MT of Old/used rubber tyre scrap tube scrap (B3080) for manufacturing of Reclaimed Rubber and Crumbs.

2.5. M/s Indian Rubber Corporation, Raigad, Maharashtra (F.No.23/139/2022-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 20,000 MT (as per revised form 5 submitted) of Old/used rubber tyre scrap ((cut/press baled/shredded)) (B3140). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent to Operate No. and authorization no. No. GREEN/S.S.I () No:- Format 1.0/SRO/UAN No. 0000158272/CR/230201274 Dated 16th February, 2023 is validity up to 31st March, 2029. The consented capacity for Crumb Rubber is 6,300 MT/M. The date of establishment is 03rd March, 2018. The actual date of operation is 15th June, 2018. The unit has working strength of 13 no. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 15,200 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letters dated 13th December, 2022. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 17,557 MT. The export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 31,47,863/- in FY 2022-2023 (Connected Load 500 KW). GST of Rs. 4,30,99,378/- was paid by the applicant during 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 11th May, 2022.

Recommendation: The EC noted that the electricity bill paid by applicant is quite less w.r.t. their production. Accordingly, EC deferred the proposal till the verification of electricity consumption vis-a-vis production by CPCB.

2.6. M/s Shabbir and Sons Eco Exim Pvt. Ltd, Vadodara, Gujarat (F.No.23/13/2022-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 80,400 MT of Old & Used rubber tyre scrap, (cut/press baled/shredded) (B3080). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent to Operate No. and authorization no. AW-43751 dated 10th November, 2020 is valid up to 14th October, 2025. The consented capacity for Crumb Rubber Powder/ Granules is 6,700 MT/M. The date of establishment is 10th September, 2020. The actual date of operation is 18th November, 2020. The unit has working strength of 18 no. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 10,000 MT (Additional quantity) of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letter dated 13th April, 2023. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 25,094 MT. The Export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs.30,90,195/- in FY 2022-2023 (Connected Load 100 KW). GST of Rs. 3,14,38,000/- was paid by the applicant during FY 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 07th December, 2021.

Recommendation: The EC noted that the electricity bill paid by applicant is quite less w.r.t. their production. Accordingly, EC deferred the proposal till the verification of electricity consumption vis-a-vis production by CPCB.

2.7. M/s Karanja Industries Pvt. Ltd, Bidar, Karnataka (F.No.23/73/2022-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 10,000 MT of Old & Used rubber tyre scrap (B3140 & B3080). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent to Operate No. No. AW-332610 dated 02nd August, 2022 is validity up to 30th June, 2027 and authorization no. 341349 dated 1st

January, 2024 is valid up to 30th June, 2027. The consented capacity for reclaimed rubber is 750 MT/M. The date of establishment is 13th October, 2014. The actual date of operation is 24th August 2017. The unit has working strength of 83 no. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 5,320 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letters dated 14th February, 2022. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 6,428.510 MT. The Export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 67,80,140/- in FY 2022-2023 (Connected Load 1300 KVA). GST of Rs. 9,63,63,159 /- was paid by the applicant during 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 14th February, 2022.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted and GST paid by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import of 4,285 MT of Old & Used rubber tyre scrap in cut/press baled/shredded form (B3140 & B3080) for manufacturing of reclaimed rubber.

2.8. M/s Greenesta Rubber LLP, Morbi, Gujarat (F.No.23/22/2022-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 10,000 MT Old and Used Rubber Tyres Scrap (cut/press baled/shredded) (B 3080/B3140). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent to Operate No. and authorization no. CCA –Amendment No. AW-47501 dated 24th June, 2021 is valid up to 28th August, 2025. The consented capacity for Crumb Rubber/ Rubber Granules/ Rubber Mulch/used Tyre Crumb– 7500 MT/M, Rubber Chips is 320 MT/ M, Fibre is 70 MT/M, Shredded steel scrap/ shredded steel cleaning/Steel cleaning (from waste steel generated from type shredding or tyre recycling operation steel purified scraps is 875 MT/M. The date of establishment is 27th November, 2019. The actual date of operation is 08th September, 2020. The unit has working strength of 28 no. of employees. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 4,004.50 MT. The export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs 31,16,983.99/- in FY 2022-2023 (Connected Load 325 KVA). GST of Rs. 1,68,28,706 /- was paid by the applicant during 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 24th December, 2021

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted and GST paid by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import of 2,670 MT Old and Used Rubber Tyres Scrap (cut/press baled/shredded) (B 3080/B3140) for manufacturing of Crumb Rubber/ Rubber Granules/ Rubber Mulch/used Tyre Crumb, rubber chips/Fibre.

2.9. M/s Diamond Rubber Industries, Rangareddy, Telangana (F.No.23/99/2021-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 58,100 MT of Used Radial/Non- Radial Tyres scarp/Tubes scrap (B3140/B3080/B3040). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The Consent to operate no. and authorization no. CCA –order No. 793-MHB/TSPCB/ZOH/CFO/TS-iPAS/2020-115 dated 18th July, 2020 is valid up to 31st October, 2024. The consented capacity for Rubber Crumb / Rubber Granules/ Rubber Mulch is 58,100 MT/annum. The date of establishment is 01st June, 2000. The actual date of operation is 06th July, 2000. The unit has working strength of 12 no. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 5,320 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letters dated 17th November, 2022. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 8,398.226 MT. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 70,65,369 /- in FY

2022-2023 (Connected Load 335 HP). GST of Rs. 1,78,41,500 /- was paid by the applicant during FY 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 07th July, 2021.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted and GST paid by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import of 5,600 MT of Used Radial/Non- Radial Tyres scarp/Tubes scrap (B3140 /B3080/B3040) for manufacturing of Rubber Crumb / Rubber Granules/ Rubber Mulch.

2.10. M/s Etshell Rubbers, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu (F. No. 23/65/2018-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 10,000 MT of Used Radial/Non- Radial Tyres scarp/Tubes scrap (B 3080 & B3140). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The consent to operate no. 2208143915211 dated 24th May, 2022 and authorization no. 23HFC34491593 dated 08th November, 2023 is valid upto 31st March, 2028. The consented capacity for crumb powder is 51,600 MT/year. The date of establishment is 21st September, 2017. The actual date of operation is 01st June, 2018. The unit has working strength of 54 no. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 2470 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letters dated 27th March, 2023. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 9,598 MT. The Export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 1,46,87,841 /- in FY 2022-2023 (Connected Load 900 KVA). GST of Rs. 2,03,43,330 /- was paid by the applicant during 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 07th February, 2023.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted and GST paid by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import of 6,400 MT of Used Radial/Non- Radial Tyres scarp/Tubes scrap (B3080 & B3140) for manufacturing of crumb rubber.

2.11. M/s Minar Reclamation Pvt Ltd, Ludhiana, Punjab (F.No.23-240-2013-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 10,000 MT of Old & Used Rubber Tyre Scrap (B 3080/B3140). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The consent to operate no. CTOA/ Renewal/ LDH2/2023/21935661 dated 09th June, 2027 is valid upto 30th June, 2027 and authorization no. HWM/renew/LDH2/2023/23741692 dated 09th October, 2023 is valid upto 08th October, 2028. The consented capacity for Crumb Rubber / Reclaim Rubber is 48 MT/Day. The date of establishment is 01st June, 2011. The actual date of operation is 15th October, 2012. The unit has working strength of 20 no. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 2085 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap, vide letters dated 1st September, 2023. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) is 10,915.650 MT. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 1,37,79,442/- in FY 2022-2023 (Connected Load 992.64 KVA). GST of Rs. 3,81,55,994 /- was paid by the applicant during FY 2022-2023. The site visit was conducted by CPCB on 13th April, 2023.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted and GST paid by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import of 7,275 MT of Old & Used Rubber Tyre Scrap (B 3080/B3140) for manufacturing of rubber crumb reclaim rubber

2.12. M/s R.K. Traders, Pune, Maharashtra (New application):

The application pertains to import of 3000 MT of Used rubber tyre scrap (B3080/B3140/B3040). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control Equipment. The consent to operate no. and authorization no. ORANGE/S.S.I (O70)No:-Format1.0/RO/UAN No. MPCBConsent0000172124/CO/2308000073 dated 01st August, 2023 is valid upto 30th September, 2024. The consented capacity for Manufacture of rubber plates, sheets, strips 250 MT/M. The date of establishment is 21st May, 2022. The actual date of operation is 01st September, 2022. The unit has working strength of 12 no. of employees. The production in last FY (FY 2022-23) and the export is Nil. The unit has electricity consumption of Rs. 60,000/- in FY 2022-2023 (Connected Load 65 HP). GST of Rs. 4,75,734/- was paid by the applicant during 2022-2023.

Recommendation: Based on the information/details submitted by the applicant, the EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended import 1,500 MT of Used rubber tyre scrap (B3080/B3140/B3040) for manufacturing of rubber plates, sheets, strips that may be granted after submission of site visit report by CPCB stating compliance of SOP without referring the application to the EC.

2.13. M/s Crescent Rubber, Kottayam, Kerala (F.No.23/61/2022- HSMD):

The applicant has requested for the extension of validity period of previous permission granted for import of 1,500 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap vide letter dated 8th April, 2022 by at least 6 months. They have mentioned that they have imported 620 MT and balance to be supplied 880 MT and their DGFT LICENCE is misplaced in customs area in the month of September 2023 and they filed FIR in police station and issued FIR copy and same submitted in DGFT, now Dgft is Asking To Submit NOC Extension Letter But Moef NOC Is Expired ON 8TH OCTOBER, 2023.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on proposal, recommended the extension of validity for 06 months from the date of expiry of the earlier permission issued for import of 1,500 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap vide letter dated 8th April, 2022 i.e. up to 7th April, 2024. No further extension will be given.

2.14. M/s Coastal Rubbers, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh (F. No. 23-29/2015- HSMD):

The applicant has requested for the extension of validity period of previous permission granted for import of 3,124 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap vide letter dated 5th August, 2022 by at least 6 months. They have mentioned that they have started a late utilization of this NOC due to the disturbance in Eastern Europe. Several ports were shut down due to the conflict, leading to a rise in Ocean shipping costs and non-availability of the containers in the international market. Ships had to be rerouted causing congestion and leading to delays in cargo flows which worsened the global supply chain.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on proposal, recommended the extension of validity for 06 months from the date of expiry of the earlier permission issued for import of 3,124 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap vide letter dated 5th August, 2022 i.e. up to 4th August, 2024. No further extension will be given.

2.15. M/s Unity Eco green Pvt. Ltd, Morbi, Gujarat (F. No. 23/56/2022- HSMD):

The applicant has requested for the extension of validity period of previous permission granted for import of additional quantity of 6,570 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap vide letter dated 14th April, 2023 by at least 6 months. They stated that this granted quantity is unutilized as of the date whereas the permission already expired on 14th October 2023. A considerable time of at least more than a month was taken by DGFT to issue the import license against this NOC permission. So the utilization period to import was much less and we couldn't utilize this permission for the import of rubber scrap. So they have applied for extension.

Recommendation: The EC as decided in 128th meeting of EC, recommended extension of validity period of permission granted for additional quantity in same financial year for import of 6,570 MT of Used Rubber Tyre Scrap vide letter dated 14th April, 2023 for another 6 months from the date of expiry of the previous permission issued vide letter dated 14th April, 2023 i.e. up to 13th April, 2024. No further extension shall be given.

Request for grant of additional quantity for import of rubber/tyre scrap in the same Financial Year:

2.16. M/s Tinna Rubber and Infrastructure Ltd, Wada Plant, Maharashtra (F.No.5-22/2010 HSMD):

The applicant was given permission in FY 2022-23 based on the production data of FY 2022-23 vide letter dated 4th August, 2023 for import of 25, 474 MT of Used tyres scrap. The applicant has mentioned that they have already imported total quantity of 11,806 MT and 13,186 MT is in transit. Accordingly, requested to provide additional quantity. GST of Rs 71419.11 lacs/- was paid by the applicant during till November, 2023 (FY 2023-24). The production in till December, 2023 FY (2023-24) is 33216 MT. Domestic Quantity procured in the current FY 2023-24 till Dec, 2023 is 4,609 MT.

Recommendation: The EC observed that the 100% of the granted quantity has not been imported till 31st December. Hence, as per policy the application was not considered.

AGENDA NO. 3. IMPORT OF SPENT CATALYST (B1120/B1130)/ANODE BUTTS(B2090)

3.1. M/s Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (F. No. 23/41/2021-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 3,00,000 MT of Mill Scale arising from manufacturing of Iron & steel (B1230). The applicant has furnished Form 5, justification for import, chemical analysis report of the waste to be imported from accredited laboratory, process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment and acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC). The Consent to Operate No. and Authorisation No. No APPCB/VSP/VSP/111/CFO/HO/2019 dated 04th October, 2019 is valid up to 31st December, 2024. The consented / authorized capacity for Iron Oxide Pellets – PP-I- 11,000 TPD, Iron Oxide Pellets – PP-I- 12,333 TPD. The unit has work strength of 20 nos. of employees. The

previous permissions were given for the import of 2,00,000 MT of Mill Scale arising from manufacturing of Iron & steel, vide letters dated 16th April, 2021

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on the proposal found that the applicant was not able to justify why they were not able to import any quantity out of 2,00,000 MT granted and had met their demand from domestic market and it shows that Mill Scale arising from manufacturing of Iron & steel is available in the domestic market. In view of the aforesaid, Committee asked applicant to provide proper justification for not importing any quantity from previous permission. Till then the matter is deferred.

3.2. M/s Smit Medimed Pvt. Ltd., Valad, Gujarat (F. No. 23/136/2022-HSMD):

The application pertains to import of 2000 K.G. of Titanium Powder (B 1031). The applicant has furnished Form 5, justification for import, chemical analysis report of the waste to be imported from accredited laboratory, process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment and acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC). The Consent to and Authorisation No. AWH -125090 dated 02nd August, 2022 is valid up to 31st March, 2027. The consented / authorized capacity for Bone Plate, Bone Screw Nail- 1,10,000 Nos/month, Instruments of Trauma is -35 Nos/month Spinal Implant – 6000 Nos./month, Instruments for spine is 20 Nos/month, Knee Implant-7,500 Nos/ Month, Instruments for knee - 20 Nos/month. The unit has work strength of 35 nos. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 2000 Kg of Titanium Powder, vide letters dated 21st November, 2022

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on the proposal recommended import of 2,000 K.G. of Titanium Powder (B1031).

3.3. M/s Sulochana Cotton Spinning Mills Pvt Ltd. Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu (F.No. HSM 23/20/2022-HSM)

The application pertains to import of 18,000 MT/year of PET Flakes (B 3011). The applicant has furnished Form 5, justification for import, chemical analysis report of the waste to be imported from accredited laboratory, process flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment and acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC). The Consent to Operate No. is 2308251722189 dated 27th April, 2023 is validity up to 31st March, 2028 and Authorisation No 23PRD52772907 dated 14th July, 2023 is valid up to 31st March, 2026. The consented / authorized capacity for Pet Flakes is 3000 Tons/month, Pet Master Batch is 150 Tons /Month. The unit has work strength of 435 nos. of employees. The previous permissions were given for the import of 6575 MT of Pet flakes, vide letters dated 27th January, 2022. (*As per 116th EC meeting due to the revision in policy the permission granted to the applicant was withheld*)

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on the proposal and recommended import of 4,080 MT of PET Flakes (B3011).

3.4. M/s Rajdeep Plastics, Jamnagar, Gujarat (F.No.17-7/2013-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 500 MT of Poly Methyl Methacrylate (Acrylic Plastic) Scrap (B 3010). The applicant has furnished Form 5, Justification for import, Process

flow chart indicating adequate pollution control equipment, chemical analysis report of the waste to be exported from accredited laboratory, and acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC). The consolidated Consent to Operate and Authorization no. CCA renewal No. AWH -129852 05th December, 2023 is valid up to 05th July, 2028. The consented capacity of Acrylic Plastic Sheets is 40 MT per month. The unit has working strength at 50 no. of employees. The previous permission was issued for the import of 500 MT of acrylic plastic sheet's scrap vide OM dated 2nd November, 2015.

The matter was last discussed in the 106th meeting of Expert Committee held on 19th August, 2021. The EC recommended for submission of verification report by CPCB for the improvement done by applicant for further consideration of case. The EC also recommended submitting the Process details by the applicant. Site visit was conducted by CPCB on 13th June, 2022 and also applicant has submitted the copy CCA renewal issued by GPCB and process detail.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on the proposal recommended import of 450 MT of Poly Methyl Methacrylate (Acrylic Plastic) Scrap (B 3010).

3.5. M/s Attero Recycling Pvt. Ltd, Roorkee, Uttrakhand (F.No.23/100/2022-HSMD):

The applicant has requested for the extension of validity period of previous permission granted for import of 2,000 MT of Scrap Li-ion Battery and cells Scrap vide letter dated 16st August, 2022 by at least 12 months. They have mentioned that the challenges faced in the import process have been manifold. Firstly, the transportation of lithium-ion batteries involves intricate logistics, requiring negotiations with various shipping lines to facilitate the movement of the material. Secondly, the persistent geopolitical issues in Europe and the Middle East have not only disrupted the movement but have also significantly impacted commercial aspects of the import, so requested for its extension.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on proposal, recommended the extension of validity for 06 months from the date of expiry of the earlier permission issued for import of 2,000 MT of Scrap Li-ion Battery and cells Scrap vide letter dated 16th August, 2022 i.e. up to 15th August, 2024. No further extension will be given.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: IMPORT/ EXPORT OF USED ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLIES/ E-Waste (PCBs) (B1110)

4.1. M/s BEIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED, Bharuch, Gujarat (F.No.23/70/2022-HSMD)

The application pertains to export of 50 MT of E-waste (PCB waste predominantly containing copper scrap) (B1110). The applicant has furnished Form 5, justification for export, chemical analysis report of the waste to be exported from accredited laboratory, and acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC). Marine Cargo Insurance Policy No. 6520002366 dated 11th March, 2023 is valid up to 10th March, 2024. The Authorization Order No. AWH-126148 dated 08th May, 2023 is valid up to 31st July, 2027. The annual capacity as per the Authorization for Collection, Segregation & Dismantling of E-Waste is 7000 MTPA.

The previous permission was given for the export of 240 MT of used Electronics Test Equipment vide letter dated 7th August, 2023

Recommendation: The EC deliberated upon the issue and wanted to understand whether the facility was engaged only in dismantling or also on metal recovery. Committee recommended a site visit by CPCB. The same may be carried out within a month. Till then the matter is deferred.

4.2. M/s E- Parisaraa Private Limited, Bangalore, Karnataka (F. No. 23-2/2006-HSMD)

The application pertains to export of 240 MT of E-waste of shredded printed circuit board (PCB) waste and component waste (B1110). The applicant has furnished Form 5, justification for export, chemical analysis report of the waste to be exported from accredited laboratory, and acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB)/ Pollution Control Committee (PCC). Marine Cargo Insurance Policy No. 0704032310753 dated 26th July, 2023 is valid up to 25th July, 2024. The Authorization Order No. CCA No- 324434 dated 30th March, 2021 is valid up to 30th June, 2024. The annual capacity as per the Authorization for Used PCBs is 220 MT. The previous permission was given for the export of 200 MT of used Electronics Test Equipment vide letter dated 12th January, 2023

Recommendation: The EC noted that the facility had carried out very little domestic recycling. The EC recommended that a site visit may be carried out by CPCB at the earliest. Till then the matter is deferred.

4.3. M/s Resource E Waste Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Haridwar, Uttarakhand (F. No. 23/53/2022-HSMD)

The applicant has requested for the extension of validity period of previous permission granted for export of 110 MT of E- waste (PCBs) (B1110) dated 21st March, 2022 and 2nd August, 2022. They have mentioned that they have exported 26 and they have their Marine Cargo policy (validity till 12th January, 2024) and applicant has also submitted the copy of Policy for Public Liability (Industrial Risk) Insurance is valid till 28/11/2024, so requested for extension of validity.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on proposal, recommended the extension of validity for 06 months from the date of expiry of the earlier permission for export of 110 MT of E- waste (PCBs) (B1110) dated 21st March, 2022 i.e. up to 20th March, 2024. No further extension will be given.

Import of High End High Value Used Medical Devices

Internal discussion: The Committee discussed the terms and conditions suggested by DGHS, MoHFW vide OM dated 5th June, 2023 w.r.t. import of High End High Value pre-owned and refurbished medical equipment (other than critical care medical equipment). The EC was in general agreement with the conditions suggested. However, EC felt that high value medical equipment usually has a life of up to 15 years and even in

developed countries, only rarely equipment less than 5 year old would be replaced. Therefore, it may be more practical to allow equipment up to 7 years old rather than 5 years old. EC accordingly, recommended the following additional conditions in addition to conditions recommended by TRC in its 73rd meeting for consideration of application(s) as under:

- (i) The High End High Value Used Medical Devices which have been used for less than or up to **seven** years from date of manufacturing should be allowed for import for re-use purpose duly certified by Chattered Engineering Certificate or FDA approved certificate for useful life.
- (ii) The Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or their Indian subsidiary should be allowed to import the machines, and the equipment warranty and CMC should be only given by the OEM/Indian subsidiary.
- (iii) OEM/Indian subsidiary must give in writing about the availability of spare parts/consumables for the period of warranty and CMC.
- (iv) Equipment should have minimum warranty period of three years, followed by five years of CMC.
- (v) The applicant must make available expert service, spare parts and maintenance to the users, preferably in the end user city also.

4.4. M/s Beckman Coulter India Pvt. Ltd. Kurla (West), Mumbai, Maharashtra (New Application)

The application pertains to import of 60 units Access 2 Immunoassay System Remanufactured (Part # 386220) (B1110) for re-use purpose and not to be re-exported back. The applicant has furnished Form 5, justification for import, acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC). As per CEC, the Manufacturing year is 14th April, 2016, the refurbishment has not been done and the residual life is 10 years (Certification from US Food and Drug Administration not CE Certificate). The unit is expected to provide employment to 7 persons.

Recommendation: The EC deliberated upon the issue and recommended that applicant may furnish the list of the actual users for whom the proposed equipment i.e. Access 2 Immunoassay System will be imported, manufacturing years, used life, residual life of each equipment duly certified by Chattered Engineering Certificate or FDA approved certificate and other details as recommended in para (i) to (v) above. Till then, the matter is deferred.

4.5. M/s Philips India Limited, Gurugram, Haryana (F. No. 23-207/2013-HSMD)

The application pertains to import of 4 units Magnetic resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT) scanner, Catheterization lab (Interventional Radiology & Interventional cardiology equipment) (B1110) for re-use purpose and not to be re-exported back. The applicant has furnished Form 5, justification for import, acknowledgement for receipt of copy of application from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC). As per CEC, the Manufacturing year ranges from 2014-2017, the refurbishment is done in January, 2024 and the residual life is 10 years. The unit is

expected to provide employment to 10 extra persons. The previous permission was given for the export of 2 MT of used Electronics Test Equipment vide letter dated 25th July, 2016

Recommendation: The EC deliberated upon the issue and recommended that applicant may furnish the list of the actual users for whom the proposed equipment i.e. Magnetic resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT) scanner, Catheterization lab (Interventional Radiology & Interventional cardiology equipment) (B1110) will be imported, manufacturing years, used life, residual life of each equipment duly certified by Chattered Engineering Certificate or FDA approved certificate and other details as recommended in para (i) to (v) above. Till then, the matter is deferred.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: EXPORT OF SPENT CATALYST (B1130/B1150)/ OTHER WASTE

5.1. M/s Hindalco Industries Limited, (Unit: Birla Copper), Bharuch, Gujarat (F. No. 23/26/2020- HSMD)

The application pertains to export of 6,000 MTPA of Copper Convertor Slag (B1100). The applicant has furnished Form 5, applicant had provided Marine Policy No. 12120021230500000001 dated 01st April, 2023 is Valid up to 31st March, 2024 and Authorization No AWH-108216 dated 30th May, 2020 is valid up to 02nd March, 2026. The annual capacity as per Authorization for Production of C-Slag is 6000 MT /Month. The previous permission was given for the import of 6,000 MT with a validity of 18 months vide letter dated 28th April, 2023.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on the proposal recommended export of 6,000 MTPA of Copper Convertor Slag (B1100) for recycling/recovery purpose.

5.2. M/s Ecoverva Catcon Recycling Pvt. Ltd, Gurugram, Haryana (F.No.23/95/2022- HSMD)

The applicant has requested for the extension of validity period of previous permission granted for export of 150 MT of Spent Ceramic/catalyst (B1010/B1120/B1130/B1150) dated 3rd August, 2022 by at least 12 months. They have mentioned that they have exported 50.15 MT due to unfavourable market condition and balance is yet to be exported and they have also renewed their Marine Cargo policy (validity till 12th April, 2024) so requested for extension of validity

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on proposal, recommended the extension of validity for 06 months from the date of expiry of the earlier permission issued for export of 150 MT of Spent Ceramic/catalyst (B1010/B1120/B1130/B1150) vide letter dated 3rd August, 2022 i.e. up to 2nd August, 2024. No further extension will be given.

AGENDA ITEM No. 6: ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

6.1. M/s Finster Black Private Ltd Raigad, Maharashtra (F.No.27/09/2023-HSMD).

M/s Finster Black Private Ltd has mentioned that they have met the entire criterion by TRC for issuing us 3 years NOC for import of 50,000 TPA of tyre scrap as our raw material. I.e. for grant of NOC of import of 50,000 MT per annum of Used tyre scrap in baled/multicut form for a period of 3 years (Totalling 1,50,000 MT) for manufacturing of Recovered Carbon Black. Accordingly based on the commitment from Ministry they had made capex of 30 crores. They have also entered into a supply agreement for our raw material for the next 3 years from single source i.e. Westside export LLC in order to stabilize quality as all the scarp is sourced from a single origin & supplier. Hence in absence of NOC their contract with Westside export LLC will be under default and would have to pay a penalty of 3 million dollars.

Further they states that Ministry already conducted 2 detailed 3 day audits of the facility and seen it operational and also verified sales turn over invoices etc. All the compliances were already seen by CPCB authenticating the same.

The matter was considered in 126th EC held in September, 2023 and EC recommended 25,000 MT of Used tyre scrap (Basel No. 3080/3140/3040) in baled/multicut form for manufacturing of Recovered Carbon Black will be permitted on trial basis subject to the condition mentioned in the 76th TRC meeting. EC also recommended that a site visit by a Committee comprising of representative of MoEF&CC, CPCB, MPCB and 1 or 2 Members of Expert Committee will be done within 6 months to check and verify the intended use of imported waste tyre and based on satisfactory verification by the above committee, remaining quantity of 25,000 MT will be released this year.

The committee also recommended that the issue of suitability of domestic tyre waste should be studied by CPCB in consultation with ATMA and other trade bodies, so that, if appropriate, a suitable requirement for use of domestic tyre waste should also be included. Further quantities within the overall quantities recommended by TRC will be considered by EC based on the above reports being satisfactory

Since the applicant has requested the Ministry to keep commitment or approval made in 76th TRC and they are still ready for any inspection if required. Accordingly, the matter was placed before 130th EC for deliberation/decision

Deliberation: The EC during deliberation on the proposal had noted that TRC decision was made on certain representation given by applicant on his own behalf and claiming to be on behalf of AIRTRA. However, subsequent to the TRC decision firstly, a representation was forwarded by TRRAI regarding the TRC decision, especially regarding minimum capital investment, land requirement etc. Further, the applicant had represented that Indian tyres contain high silica and therefore are not suitable for manufacture of RCB. However, subsequently TRRAI disputed this claim of the applicant as well. Thirdly, the market for recovered carbon black is not yet fully developed in India, tyre companies in India are still hesitant in buying RCB.

EC further noted that TRC while recommending import of waste tyre for production of RCB, it was also clearly recommended by TRC that “The EC may further levy any conditions as deemed fit while giving the permission for import” and the same was approved by the competent authority in the Ministry.

EC is conscious of the need to promote RCB but it is also necessary to ensure proper end use of imported tyres. Keeping in view the totality of facts outlined above, EC has considered it prudent to recommend import permission in tranches, and require the applicant to produce evidence of production and sale of proportionate quantities of RCB to verifiable end users.

Recommendation: The EC after deliberation on the proposal, recommended that as per the decision of EC taken in its 126th meeting, applicant may provide the details of quantity imported w.r.t previous permission granted, production of recovered carbon black and list of buyers. Till then the matter is deferred.

6.2. M/s Alternative Green initiatives India Pvt Ltd, Denkanikotta, Tamil Nadu (New application)

Alternative Green Initiatives India Private Limited (the Company) object to find a solution to the growing quantities of discarded conveyor belts around the world, which is impacting the environment and to repurpose the separated products i.e. rubber and steel rope without sending them for pyrolysis.

The Company applied for an import quota of 50,000 MT per annum. This quota is based on the rubber production of 2,000MT, rubber crumb of 75 MT and 1,900 MT of steel rope per month (48,000MT of discarded conveyor belts per annum).

They have further stated that 'industry has been mistaken to be a waste tyre processing unit and has been recommended for a 1,500 MT per annum for import of tyres'.

The project is based on processing and repurposing discarded conveyor belts, which is no way connected to discarded tyres.

Having invested about Rs.10 crores in the project out of which Rs.5 crores is a loan contribution from State Bank of India. The applicant has requested to review the project through a different lens and issue a no objection certificate to import 50,000 MT per year of discarded conveyor belts.

Accordingly, the matter was placed before 130th EC for deliberation/decision.

Recommendation: The EC noted that mere availability of cheaper waste elsewhere is not a sufficient enough reason to allow imports. EC also noted that India is 2nd largest producer of crude steel in the world and the steel industry uses very appropriate upgraded technologies, so the justification given by the applicant regarding usage of nylon based conveyor belt in Indian based steel industries needs to be supported with data and applicant may furnish relevant data regarding it. Further, the chance of the rubber scrap scratched out from such conveyor belt finding its way to pyrolysis is high. So, the committee recommended the applicant may provide the details of its process highlighting the adequate pollution abatement measure taken and also asked CPCB to expedite the site visit. Till then the matter is deferred.
