

MoEFCC Notifies regarding Import/Export of Mercury

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The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on August 04, 2022 has issued Notification regarding Import/Export of Mercury.

The following has been stated namely: -

- India is a Party to the Minamata Convention on Mercury which mandates a Prior Informed Consent (PIC) procedure for the trade of mercury
- Procedure for grant of PIC for importing mercury:
 1. All applications for the import of mercury shall be submitted to the NFP in MoEF&CC through Form – X. A copy of Form-X shall also be submitted to the Prescribed State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs).
 2. Applications under consideration duly supported with the respective Forms have to include an affidavit in support of owning all liabilities as well as responsibilities (financial or others) that may arise due to accidental handling and storage of imported mercury.
 3. The application will be supported with the environmental permissions obtained for interim storage facility by the concerned State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee.
 4. The quantity of mercury to be allowed for import shall be directed for use within specified period (quantity equivalent to one year or 18 months consumption/utilization).
- Procedure for grant of PIC for exporting mercury:
 1. All applications for the export of mercury shall be submitted to the NFP in MoEF&CC through Form – X. A copy of Form-X shall also be submitted to the specified State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs).
 2. If mercury has to first be imported into the country before it is exported. In such instances, Form-A (Form-B in case of Non-Party) provided by the exporting country on the basis of which the mercury was permitted for import in India has to be furnished along with Form-X.
 3. Applications shall also include an affidavit in support of owning all liabilities as well as responsibilities (financial or others) that may arise.
 4. The application must be supported with the environmental permissions obtained for interim storage facility, if any by the concerned State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee.

Please refer to the Notification for Details of Prior Informed Consent (PIC) granted for import/export of mercury as on July 31, 2022.

