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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Shri Samir Kumar Biswas Joint Secretary Room No-341, A Wing Department of chemicals and Petrochemicals Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Telephone No. 011-23383428 Fax: 011-23073682 Email: samir.biswas@gov.in Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) (HS Code 29031200)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) (Quality Control) Order, 2020 (1 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) finds application in the manufacturing of Pharmaceuticals, agro chemicals, photographic films etc. Monitoring of purity 99.5% and Heavy Metal content max one PPM warrants making the standard mandatory. Since this item goes to Pharma sector, its quality need to conform to the BIS standards otherwise impurities of Methylene Chloride may enter the animal & human chain. So, for protection of human health, the standard needs to be made mandatory. The locally manufactured or imported Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 4566:2020) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The standard of Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) is being made mandatory to protect the human health and overall eco system.; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality Control Order for making Indian Standard of Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane) specification (IS 4566:2020), as mandatory is enclosed.
9. Proposed date of adoption: Yet to be decided Proposed date of entry into force: Six month from the date of adoption
10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of upload on WTO website.
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Shri Samir Kumar Biswas Joint Secretary, Room No-341 , A Wing, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Telephone No. 011-23383428 Fax: 011-23073682 Email: samir.biswas@gov.in https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/IND/20_7061_00_e.pdf