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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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>INDIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> 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: <a href="mailto:samir.biswas@gov.in">samir.biswas@gov.in</a> <b>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:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Red Phosphorus (HS Code 28047020)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Red Phosphorus (Quality Control) Order, 2020 (1 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Red Phosphorus is a versatile chemical with many important applications. The minimum purity 98.5% stipulated in the standard is an important technical characteristic to be fulfilled by the importer and the domestic manufacturer. It is a basic chemical required in the manufacture of phosphorus-based intermediates, which are extensively required in the manufacture of finished pesticides. It is also used in the production of fireworks, safety matches and in metallurgical operations. So, for the protection of plant and human health, the standard needs to be made mandatory. The locally manufactured or imported Red Phosphorus shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 2012: 2006, Reaffirmed 2016) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The use of the standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The standard of Red Phosphorus is being made mandatory to protect human health and overall eco system; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quality Control Order for making Indian Standard of Red Phosphorus specification (IS 2012: 2006, Reaffirmed 2016), as mandatory is enclosed.</li></ul>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Yet to be decided <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Six months from the date of adoption
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from the date of upload on WTO website
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b>  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: <a href="mailto:samir.biswas@gov.in">samir.biswas@gov.in</a>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/IND/20_7062_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/IND/20_7062_00_e.pdf</a>