

MANUFACTURE, STORAGE AND IMPORT OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL RULES, 1989

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(Department of Environment, Forest and Wildlife)

NOTIFICATION

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S.O. 966(E).-In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6, 8 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :-

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) These rules may be called the Manufacture, Storage and import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. Definitions.

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires.-

- (a) "Act" means the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986);
- (b) "Authority" means an authority mentioned in Column 2 of Schedule 5;
- (c) "export" with its grammatical variations and cognate expression, means taking out of India to a place outside India;
- (d) "exporter" means any person under the jurisdiction of the exporting country and includes the exporting country who exports hazardous chemical;
- (e) "hazardous chemical" means-
 - (i) any chemical which satisfies any of the criteria laid down in Part I of Schedule I and is listed in Column 2 of Part II of this Schedule;
 - (ii) any chemical listed in Column 2 of Schedule 2;
 - (iii) any chemical listed in Column 2 of Schedule 3;

(f) “import” with its grammatical variations and cognate expression, means bringing into India from a place outside India;

(g) “importer” means an occupier or any person who imports hazardous chemicals;

(h) “industrial activity” means-

(i) an operation of process carried out in an industrial installation referred to in Schedule 4 involving or likely to involve one or more hazardous chemicals and includes on-site storage or on-site transport which is associated with that operation or process, as the case may be; or

(ii) isolated storage; or

(iii) pipeline;

(i) “isolated storage” means storage of a hazardous chemical, other than storage associated with an installation on the same site specified in Schedule 4 where that storage involves atleast the quantities of that chemical set out in Schedule 2;

(j) “major accident” means an occurrence including any particular major emission, fire or explosion involving one or more hazardous chemicals and resulting from uncontrolled developments in the course of an industrial activity or due to natural events leading to serious effects both immediate or delayed, inside or outside the installation likely to cause substantial loss of life and property including adverse effects on the environments;

(k) “pipeline” means a pipe (together with any apparatus and works associated therewith) or system of pipes (together with any apparatus and work associated therewith) for the conveyance of a hazardous chemical other than a flammable gas as set out in Column 2 of Part II of Schedule 3 at a pressure of less than 8 bars absolute: the pipeline also includes inter-state pipe

(l) “Schedule” means Schedule appended to these rules;

(m) “site” means any location where hazardous chemicals are manufactured or processed, stored, handled, used, disposed of and includes the whole of an area under the control of an occupier and includes pier, jetty or similar structure whether floating or not;

(n) “Threshold quantity” means,-

(i) in the case of a hazardous chemical specified in Column 2 of Schedule 2, the quantity of that chemical specified in the corresponding entry in Columns 3 & 4;

(ii) in the case of hazardous chemical specified in Column 2 of Part I of Schedule 3, the quantity of that chemical specified in the corresponding entry in Columns 3 & 4 of that part;

(iii) in the case of substances of a class specified in Column 2 of Part 11 of Schedule 3, the total quantity of all substances of that class specified in the corresponding entry in Column 3 & 4 of that part

3. Duties of authorities.

Subject to the other provisions of these rules, the authority shall perform duties as specified in Column 3 of Schedule 5.

4. General responsibility of the occupier during industrial activity.

(1) This rule shall apply to,-

(a) an industrial activity in which a hazardous chemical, which satisfies any of the criteria laid down in Part I of Schedule I and is listed in Column 2 of Part II of this Schedule is or may be involved; and

(b) isolated storage in which there is involved a threshold quantity of a hazardous chemical listed in Schedule 2 in Column 2 which is equal to or more than the threshold quantity specified in the Schedule for that chemical in Column 3 thereof.

(2) An occupier who has control of an industrial activity in term of sub-rule (I) shall provide evidence to show that he has,-

(a) identified the major accident hazards; and

(b) taken adequate steps to -

(i) prevent such major accidents and o limit their consequences to persons and the environment;

(ii) provide to The persons working on the site with the information, training and equipment including antidotes necessary to ensure their safely.

5. Notification of Major accident.

(1) Where a major accident occurs on a site or in a pipe line, the occupier shall forthwith notify the concerned authority as identified in Schedule S of that accident, and furnish thereafter to the concerned authority a report relating to the accidents in installments, if necessary, in Schedule 6.

(2) The concerned authority shall on receipt of the report in accordance with sub-rule I of this rule shall undertake a full analysis of the major accident and send the requisite information to the Ministry of Environment and Forests through appropriate channel.

(3) Where an occupier has notified a major accident to the concerned authority under respective legislation, he shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements as per sub-rule I of this rule.

6. Industrial activity to which rules 7 to 15 apply.

(1) Rules 7 to 15 shall apply to,-

(a) an industrial activity in which there is involved a quantity of hazardous chemical listed in Column 2 of Schedule 3 which is equal to or more than the quantity specified in the entry for that chemical in Columns 3 & 4 (Rules 10-12 only for Column 4) and

(b) isolated storage in which there is involved a quantity of a hazardous chemical listed in Column 2 of Schedule 2 which is equal to or more than the quantity specified in the entry for that chemical in Column 1

(2) For the purposes of rules 7 to 15, or

(a) “new industrial activity” means an industrial activity which-

(i) commences after the date of coming into operation of these rules; or

(ii) if commenced before that date is an industrial activity in which a modification has been made which is likely to cover major accident hazards and that activity shall be deemed to have commenced on the date on which the modification was made;

(b) an “existing industrial activity” means an industrial activity which is not a new industrial activity

7. Notification of sites.

(1) An occupier shall not undertake any industrial activity unless he has submitted A written report to the concerned authority containing the particulars specified in Schedule 7 at least 3 months before commencing that activity or before such shorter time as the concerned authority may agree and for the purpose of this paragraph an activity in which subsequently there is or is liable to be a threshold quantity or more of an additional hazardous chemical shall be deemed to be a different activity and shall be notified accordingly

(2) No report under sub-rule (I) need to be submitted by the occupier if he submits a report under rule 10(1)

8. Updating of the site notification following changes in the threshold quantity.

Where an activity has been reported in accordance with rule 7(1) and the occupier makes a change in it (including an increase or decrease in the maximum threshold quantity of a hazardous chemical to which this rule applies which is or is liable to be at the site or in the pipeline or at the cessation of the activity, which affects the particulars specified in that report or any subsequent report made under this rule the occupier shall forthwith furnish a further report to the concerned authority.

9. Transitional provisions.

Where-

(a) at the date of coming into operation of these rules an occupier is in control of an existing industrial activity which is required to be reported under rule 7(1); or

(b) within 6 months after that date an occupier commence any such new industrial activity; it shall be a sufficient compliance with that rule if he reports to the concerned authority as per the particulars in Schedule 7 within 3 months after the date of coming into operation of these rules or within such longer time as the concerned authority may agree in writing.

10. Safety reports.

(1) Subject to the following paragraphs of this rule, an occupier shall not undertake any industrial activity to which this rule applies, unless he has prepared a safety report on that industrial activity containing the information specified in Schedule 8 and has sent a copy of that report to the concerned authority at least ninety days before commencing that activity.

(2) In the case of a new industrial activity which an occupier commences, or by virtue of sub-rule (2) (a) (ii) of rule 6 is deemed to commence, within 6 months after coming into operation of these rules, it shall be sufficient compliance with sub-rule (1) of this rule if the occupier sends to the concerned authority a copy of the report required in accordance with that sub-rule within ninety days after the date of coming into operation of these rules.

(3) In the case of an existing industrial activity, until five years from the date of coming into operation of these rules, it shall be a sufficient compliance with sub-rule (1) of this rule if the occupier on or before ninety days from the date of the coming into operation of these rules sends to the concerned authority information specified in Schedule 7 relating to that activity.

11. Updating of reports under rule 10.

(1) Where an occupier has made a safety report in accordance with sub-rule (1) of rule 10 he shall not make any modification to the industrial activity to which that safety report relates which could materially affect the particulars in that report, unless he has made a further report to take account of those modifications and has sent a copy of that report to the concerned authority at least 90 days before making those modifications.

(2) Where an occupier has made a report in accordance with rule 10 and sub-rule (1) of this rule and that industrial activity is continuing the occupier shall within three years of the date of the last such report, make a further report which shall have regard in particular to new technical knowledge which has affected the particulars in the previous report relating to safety and hazard assessment and shall within 30 days or in such longer time as the concerned authority may agree in writing, send a copy of the report to the concerned authority

12. Requirements for further information to be sent to the authority.

(1) Where, in accordance with rule 10, an occupier has sent a safety report relating to an industrial activity to the concerned authority, the concerned authority may, by a notice served on the occupier, require him to provide such additional information as is specified in the notice and the occupier shall send that information to the concerned authority within such time as is specified in the notice or within such extended time as the authority may subsequently specify

13. Preparation of on-site emergency plan by the occupier.

(1) An occupier shall prepare and keep up-to-date an on-site emergency plan detailing how major accidents will be dealt with on the site on which the industrial activity is carried on and that plan shall include the name of the person who is responsible for safety on the site and the names of those who are authorised to take action in accordance with the plan in case of an emergency

(2) The occupier shall ensure that the emergency plan prepared in accordance with sub-rule (1) takes into account any modification made in the industrial activity and that every person on the site who is affected by the plan is informed of its relevant provisions.

(3) The occupier shall prepare the emergency plan required under sub-rule

(a) in the case of a new industrial activity before that activity is commenced;

(b) in the case of an existing industrial activity within 90 days of coming into operation of these rules.

14. Preparation of off-site emergency plan by the authority.

(1) It shall be the duty of the concerned authority as identified in Column 2 of Schedule 5 to prepare and keep up-to-date an adequate off-site emergency plan detailing how emergencies relating to a possible major accident on that site will be dealt with and in preparing that plan the concerned authority shall consult the occupier, and such other persons as it may deem necessary.

(2) For the purpose of enabling the concerned authority to prepare the emergency plan required under sub-rule (1), the occupier shall provide the concerned authority with such

information relating to the industrial activity under his control as the concerned authority may require, including the nature, extent and likely effects off-site of possible major accidents and the authority shall provide the occupier with any information from the off-site emergency plan which relates to his duties under rule 13.

(3) The concerned authority shall prepare its emergency plan required under sub-rule (1),-

(a) in the case of a new industrial activity, before that activity is commenced;

(b) in the case of an existing industrial activity, within six months of coming into operation Of these rules.

15. Information to be given to persons liable to be affected by a major accident.

(1) The occupier shall take appropriate steps to inform persons outside the site either directly or through District Emergency Authority who are likely to be in an area which may be affected by a major accident about-

(a) the nature of the major accident hazard; and

(b) the safety measures and the “Do’s” and ‘Don’ts” which should be adopted in the event of a major accident

(2) The occupier shall take the steps required under sub-rule (I) to inform persons about an industrial activity, before that activity is commenced, except, in the case of an existing industrial activity in which case the occupier shall comply with the requirements of sub-rule (I) within 90 days of coming into operation of these rules.

16. Disclosures of information.

(1) Where for the purpose of evaluating information notified under rule 5 or 7 to 15, the concerned authority discloses that information to some other person that other person shall not use that information for any purpose except for the purpose of the concerned authority disclosing it, and before disclosing the information the concerned authority shall inform that other person of his obligations under this paragraph.

17. Collection, Development and Dissemination of Information.

(1) This rule shall apply to an industrial activity in which a hazardous chemical which satisfies any of the criteria laid down in part I of Schedule I and is listed in Column 2 of Part II of this Schedule is or may be involved.

(2) An occupier, who has control of an industrial activity in term of sub-rule 1 of this rule, shall arrange to obtain or develop information in the form of safety data sheet as specified in Schedule 9. The information shall be accessible upon request for reference.

(3) The occupier while obtaining or developing a safety data sheet as specified in Schedule 9 in respect of a hazardous chemical handled by him shall ensure that the information is recorded accurately and reflects the scientific evidence used in making the hazard determination. In case, any significant information regarding hazard Of a chemical is available, it shall be added to the material safety data shet as specified in Schedule 9 as soon as practicable.

(4) Every container of a hazardous chemical shall be clearly labelled or marked to identify,-

(a) the contents of the container,

(b) the name and address of manufacturer or importer Of the hazardous chemical;

(c) the physical, chemical and toxicological data as per the criteria given at Part I of Schedule 1.

(5) In terms of sub-rule 4 Of this rule where it is impracticable to label a chemical in view of the size of the container or the nature of the package, provision should be made for other effective means like tagging or accompanying documents.

18. Import of hazardous chemicals.

(1) This rule shall apply to a chemical which satisfies any of the criteria laid down in Part I of Schedule I and is listed in Column 2 of Part II of this Schedule.

(2) Any person responsible for importing hazardous chemicals in India shall provide at the time of import or within thirty days from the date of import to the concerned authorities as identified in Column 2 of Schedule 5 the information pertaining to-

(i) the name and address of the person receiving the consignment in India;

(ii) the port of entry in India;

(iii) mode of transport from the exporting country to India

(iv) The quantity of chemical(s) being imported; and

(v) complete product safety information.

(3) If the concerned authority at the State is satisfied that the chemical being imported is likely to cause major accident, it may direct the importer to take such steps including stoppage of such imports as the concerned authority at the State may deem it appropriate.

(4) The concerned authority at the State shall simultaneously inform the concerned Port Authority to take appropriate steps regarding safe handling and storage of hazardous chemicals while off-loading the consignment with the port premises.

(5) Any person importing hazardous chemicals shall maintain the records of the hazardous chemicals imported as specified in Schedule 10 and the records so maintained shall be open for inspection by the concerned authority at the State or the Ministry of Environment and Forests or any officer appointed by them in this behalf.

(6) The importer of the hazardous chemical of a person working on his behalf shall ensure that transport of hazardous chemicals from port of entry to the ultimate destination is in accordance with the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 framed under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

19. Improvement notices.

(1) If the concerned authority is of the opinion that a person has contravened the provisions of these rules, the concerned authority shall serve on him a notice (in this para referred to as “an improvement notice”) requiring that person to remedy the contravention or, as the case may be, the matters occasioning it within such period as may be specified in the notice.

(2) A notice served under sub-rule (1) shall clearly specify the measures to be taken by the occupier in remedying said contraventions.

20. Power of the Central Government to modify the Schedule.

The Central Government may, at any-time, by notification in the Official Gazette, make suitable changes in the Schedules.

[SCHEDULE 1 : Indicative Criteria and List of Chemicals](#)

[SCHEDULE 2 : Isolated storage at Installations other than those covered by Schedule 4](#)

[SCHEDULE 3 : List of Hazardous Chemicals for Application of Rules 5 and 7 to 15](#)

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SCHEDULE 6 : Information to be Furnished Regarding Notification of a Major Accident

[SCHEDULE 7 : Information to be Furnished for the Notification of Sites](#)

[SCHEDULE 8 : Information to be Furnished in a Safety Report](#)

SCHEDULE 9 : Safety Data Sheet

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