NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** India **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Government of India**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:** Shri Samir Kumar Biswas Joint SecretaryRoom No-341 (A )Department of Chemicals and PetrochemicalsShastri Bhawan, New DelhiTelephone No. +91-11-23383428 Fax: +91-11-23073682Email: samir.biswas@gov.in |
| **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):** Acetic Acid (HS Code 29152100) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Acetic Acid (Quality Control) Order, 2019 (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Acetic Acid is a common feed-stock for various industrial as well as pharmaceutical and food products including synthetic vinegar, which is a common household food ingredient. The production process of glacial acetic acid leads to presence of toxic impurities such as Arsenic and other heavy metals such as lead which are required to be restricted in terms of their presence by weight due to their highly toxic characteristics. So the standard of Acetic Acid is being made mandatory for compliance by the manufacturers and by importers of the same into India. So the locally manufactured or imported Acetic Acid shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 695:1986) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Bureau of Indian Standards and District Industries Centre of the State Governments shall be the enforcing authority. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The standard of Acetic Acid is being made mandatory to protect the human health and overall eco system. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** * Quality Control Order for making Indian Standard of Acetic Acid specification (IS 695:1986), as mandatory is enclosed.
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Yet to be decided**Proposed date of entry into force:** Six month from date of adoption |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **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 SecretaryRoom No-341 (A )Department of Chemicals and PetrochemicalsShastri Bhawan, New DelhiTelephone No. +91-11-23383428 Fax: +91-11-23073682Email: samir.biswas@gov.in |