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:** Department of chemicals and Petrochemicals, 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:** Mr Samir Kumar Biswas Joint SecretaryRoom No-341 , A WingDepartment 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):** Acetone (HS Code 2914 1100) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Acetone (Quality Control) Order, 2020 (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** * Acetone is an important commercial solvent and raw material with a wide usage in the chemical, explosives and lacquer industry.
* It is being increasing used in the synthesis of a number of chemicals such as diacetone alcohol, methyl isobutyl ketone, phorone, isophorone, methyl methocrylate and certain resins, and perfumes.
* The pharmaceuticals sector consumes huge quantity of Acetone as solvent in various synthesis operations.
* The Indian standard prescribes minimum purity of Acetone. The locally manufactured or imported Acetone shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 170:2004, reaffirmed 2015) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Bureau of Indian Standards of the State Governments shall be the enforcing authority.
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| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The standard of Acetone is being made mandatory to protect the human health and overall eco system. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Quality Control Order for making Indian Standard of Acetone Specification (IS 170: 2004, reaffirmed 2015), as mandatory is attached. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** yet to be decided**Proposed date of entry into force:** The QCO shall come into force on ninety first day from date of publication in the Official Gazette. |
| **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:** Mr Samir Kumar Biswas Joint SecretaryRoom No-341 , A WingDepartment of chemicals and PetrochemicalsShastri Bhawan, New DelhiTelephone No. +91-11-23383428 Fax: +91-11-23073682Email: samir.biswas@gov.in<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/IND/20_0991_00_e.pdf> |