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 Secretary Room No-341 , A Wing Department of chemicals and Petrochemicals Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Telephone No. +91-11-23383428  Fax: +91-11-23073682 Email: [samir.biswas@gov.in](mailto: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):** Sodium Sulphide (HS Code 2830 1000) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Sodium Sulphide (Quality Control) Order, 2020 (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Sodium Sulphide is widely used in paper and pulp industry, in tanneries, dyestuff and textile industries, and ore beneficiation. The solution being caustic, it needs proper care in handling. The standard prescribes purity of Sodium Sulphide and maximum content of impurities such as iron, aluminium and sodium compounds. The locally manufactured or imported Sodium Sulphide shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 297: 2001) 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 Sodium Sulphide, is being made mandatory to protect the human health and overall eco system. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  Quality Control Order for making Indian Standard of Sodium Sulphide specification (IS 297: 2001), as mandatory is attached. |
| **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:**  Mr Samir Kumar Biswas  Joint Secretary Room No-341 , A Wing Department of chemicals and Petrochemicals Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Telephone No. +91-11-23383428  Fax: +91-11-23073682 Email: [samir.biswas@gov.in](mailto:samir.biswas@gov.in)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/IND/20_1152_00_e.pdf> |