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 WingDepartment of chemicals and PetrochemicalsShastri Bhawan, New DelhiTel. 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):** Methanol (Methyl Alcohol) (HS Code 29051100) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Methanol (Quality Control) Order, 2019 (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Methanol is used as solvent in organic reactions, as fuel, Denaturant, Bio diesel via trans-esterification. High purity methanol is required for the manufacturer of antibiotics. The Indian standard prescribes maximum content of Alkalinity (as NH3), Acidity as acetic acid, Aldehydes and ketones as acetone, Sulphur and compounds of sulphur etc. So the locally manufactured or imported Methanol shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 517:1986, Reaffirmed 2013) 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 Methanol (Methyl Alcohol) is being made mandatory to protect the human health and overall eco system. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Quality Control Order for making Indian Standard of Methanol- specification (IS 517: 1986, Reaffirmed 2013), as mandatory is enclosed. |
| **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 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:** Shri Samir Kumar Biswas Joint SecretaryRoom No-341 , A WingDepartment of chemicals and PetrochemicalsShastri Bhawan, New DelhiTel. No. +91-11-23383428 Fax: +91-11-23073682Email: samir.biswas@gov.in |