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 Formaldehyde Sulphoxylate (HS Code 2831 1020) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Sodium Formaldehyde Sulphoxylate (Quality Control) Order, 2020 (1 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Sodium Formaldehyde sulfoxylate is a power full reducing agent. It also finds extensive applications in textile industry for printing and stripping dyed textiles prior to redying and discharge printing. It is used in bleaching sugar cane juice for making jaggery, as a redoxs catalyst in emulsion of polymers and as a stabilizer/anti-oxidant in Pharmaceutical drug formulations. It also has a niche use as a water conditioner, reducing the amount of chlorine. The standard of the product stipulates minimum purity and maximum permissible content of heavy metals like lead, iron, copper and zinc etc. The locally manufactured or imported Sodium Formaldehyde Sulphoxylate shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 4505: 2015) 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 Sulphoxylate, 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 Sulphoxylate specification (IS 4505: 2015), as mandatory is attached. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Yet to be decided  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Six months 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:**  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_1222_00_e.pdf> |