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PUBLIC NOTICE

The United Nations Convention 1988 against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances have identified 33 chemicals and have placed them under Table I and II of the Convention for control in view of their probable use in manufacturing of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. India is one of the signatories of the said Convention, hence, liable to meet the obligations of the Convention. As per the convention any import or export of these chemicals are required to be notified to exporting or importing country through INCB system of Pre Export Notification(PEN).

Out of the above 33 Precursor chemicals (Table I: 25 and Table II: 8) of 1988 Convention, India has so far regulated 27 chemicals (all Table I chemicals and 02 out of 08 Table II chemicals) for Import into and Export out of India through Regulation of Controlled Substance (RCS) Order, 2013. With regard to those 27 chemicals, Narcotics Commissioner, Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) as Competent National Authority of India is providing relevant information/Pre-Export Notification pursuant to Article 12, Paragraph 10(a) of 1988 Convention for the smooth global trade. However, with regard to 06 chemicals viz. **(i) Acetone (ii) Ethyl Ether (iii) Hydrochloric Acid (iv) Piperidine (v) Sulphuric Acid (vi) Toluene**, which are not regulated yet in India, this office has not been receiving any data about their import/export. In this regard it may be intimated that this Bureau has been receiving Pre-Export Notification (**PEN**) from those countries wherein these chemicals are regulated for international trade. Since CBN is not having any information of import/export of these chemicals therefore it is not in a position to reply to the said PEN as required under obligations of the said Convention. Non-submission of reply to the PEN may be causing difficulty to trade in clearance of consignments of these chemicals which may adversely impact their genuine business.

In order to facilitate the hassle-free global business of above mentioned 06 chemicals, it is advised if trade faces any such difficulty then the Importer/Exporter may adopt voluntary code and approach this office to obtain a letter/communication stating that these chemicals are not under control in India by providing the following basic profile documents on case-to-case basis on their letter head: -

- (i) Profile of the Company with IEC, GSTIN, RoC etc.
- (ii) Purchase Order/ Invoice/Sales Contract
- (iii) End Use Declaration

The Importers/Exporters are also advised to furnish the detail of such Import/Export after its actualization.

The above voluntary responsible conduct would also assist this office to furnish information through PEN to the regulating country which will ultimately facilitate ease of doing business in these 06 chemicals. In this regard, this Bureau has already entered into Memorandum (MoU) with Indian Chemicals Council (ICC) for development and observance of such Voluntary Code of Conduct (VCC).

The aforesaid letter/communication from this office in this will be issued on case-to-case basis within 7 days of receipt of the request complete in all respects.

By Orders
Narcotics Commissioner