

Minutes of 33rd meeting of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) under the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 held on 28th October, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Shri R.K.Garg

The decisions of the Ministry as per the agenda are as follows:

AGENDA ITEM NO 01: Import of second hand tyre for direct re-use purpose

- (i) M/s Imrose Traders, Delhi (No.23-141/2014-HSMD)**
- (ii) M/s S.K. Enterprises, Delhi (No.23-12/2014-HSMD)**
- (iii) M/s A.D. International Delhi (No.23-76/2014-HSMD)**
- (iv) M/s Luxmi Tyres Limited (No.23-11/2014-HSMD)**

Decision: In connection with the various proposals for import of second hand tyres for direct use the Committee heard the views of the following invitees:

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- ii. Representatives from BIS;
- iii. Representatives from CIRT;
- iv. Representatives from CRRI.

During the discussion the following points emerged:

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- iii. Thus all tyres used in the country must have BIS certification except for tyres imported by OEM and distributed through their authorized dealers.
- iv. There is no simple test for determining the road safety or the residual life of tyres which could be used by the Customs.

After taking into consideration the above observations and the detailed discussion, the Ministry is of the view that import of second hand tyres for direct re-use should not be permitted.

AGENDA ITEM NO 02: Clarification sought by M/s Mady Walker Estate Management Pvt. Ltd. for import of tyre for re-treading (23-197/2014-HSMD)

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AGENDA ITEM NO 03: M/s Shiva Petro – Synth Specialties Ltd, Mumbai.- Clarification for inter-state movement of used/ Waste oil as per the rules 20(3) of Gazettes Notification of Hazardous Waste Rules, 2008 (23-213/2014-HSMD)

Decision: The Committee recommended obtaining the comments /views of GSPCB on the representation of M/s Shiva Petro – Synth Specialities Ltd, Mumbai.

AGENDA ITEM NO 04: Dispensing with the requirement of CPCB Pass Book for clearance of Zinc Dross- clarification seeking by O/o Commissioner of Customs, Nhava Sheva(23-212/2014- HSMD).

Decision: The processing of zinc dross can be carried out only by recyclers registered under Schedule-IV of the Rules. The registration is for a certain quantity of hazardous waste to be recycled and the pass book has been introduced to maintain a record of the procurement of the waste by the recyclers. Thus the entry on the pass book of the recyclers is required whether the import is directly by the recyclers or by the trader on the behalf of recyclers.

AGENDA ITEM NO 05: Clarification sought by M/s NIDEC India Pvt Ltd if permission from the Ministry is required for import of second hand machineries which are basically motors.

Decision: These are machines to be used in a manufacturing unit and are capital goods therefore they do not need permission of this Ministry.

AGENDA ITEM 06: M/s Nipro Glass India Pvt. Ltd., Meerut has sought NoC for importing the material named Anhydrous Borax, used as a raw material for manufacturing of Borosilicate glass tubes only

Decision: These are natural products and hence import of this material does not need permission under HWM Rules, 2008.

AGENDA ITEM 07: M/s Vintech India Corporation, Mangalore has sought permission for import of 14,581 MTS Scrap Polycarbonate Powder for manufacture of Polycarbonate granules.

Decision: The Committee observed that polycarbonate scrap fall under Schedule-III B (3010) meant for solid plastic waste under HWM Rules, 2008. Accordingly the applicant has to apply to the Ministry along with the papers as applicable to the import of plastic.

AGENDA ITEM 08: Clarification sought by M/s Alkali Manufacturers Association of India, Delhi regarding disposal of brine sludge generated in Membrane Cell Plants (23-206/2014- HSMD).

The case was considered in the 32nd Meeting of the TRC and the Committee recommended calling the applicant for presentation.

Decision: From the presentation made by the representative of the AMAI, it was observed that the leachable Ba content in the brine sludge is in the range of 2-4.5 mg/kg which is much lower than the prescribed limit of 100 mg/kg as per proposed revised Schedule II. However the salt content is about 8 % which if not properly disposed off could adversely affect the ground water. The Committee enquired about the proposed mode of disposal or mode of neutralization of the sludge without adverse impact on the environment. The committee was informed that some studies are in progress to find suitable application. The Committee suggested to the representative that they should come with a specific mode of neutralization for the disposal of the sludge before it would be considered for removal from the Hazardous waste category.
