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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u> 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
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): Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous (HS Code 2836 4000)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Potassium Carbonate (Quality Control) Order, 2020 (1 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: Potassium carbonate is used as a dehydrating agent and for making other potassium salts, such as chlorates and chromates. It also finds its use in ceramics, explosives, fertilizers, mineral water, tanning electroplating, shampoo preparations, process engraving and soft soaps, textile dyeing, bleaching and finishing oil, and photography. The Indian standard of Potassium Carbonate prescribes minimum purity and the percentage of heavy metal content such as lead, iron etc. The locally manufactured or imported Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 7129: 1992) 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 Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous is being made mandatory to protect the human health and overall eco system.

8. Relevant documents:
Quality Control Order for making Indian Standard of Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous specification (IS 7129: 1992), 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 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/IND/20_1150_00_e.pdf