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No. 2008/Safety(DM)/Che./6/3 Pt.

New Delhi, dated 27.08.2020

**General Manager,
All Zonal Railways.**

CMD, CONCOR & KRCL.

Sub: Safety concerns relating to manufacturing, storage, transportation and handling of hazardous chemicals.

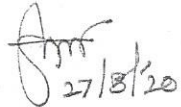
Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) vide letter No. 5-29/2020/Mit-II dated 07.08.2020 (copy enclosed) has reiterated the existing guidelines on the above mentioned subject.

2. It has inter-alia been advised that the storage area of hazardous chemicals must be equipped with safety equipments, security systems and advanced fire fighting systems. Mock drills should be held regularly to check preparedness. It has further been advised that materials remained stored for long time be given special attention and all the necessary approvals/efforts be taken for their disposal.

3. It has been advised that vigilance may be stepped up and all preparedness measures taken for safe storage, transportation and handling of hazardous chemicals.


4. It is thus requested that necessary action may kindly be taken and a compliance report in this regard may be sent to this office.

DA: As above


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Executive Director/Safety(M)
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Ministry of Home Affairs
National Disaster Management Authority

D.O.No.5-29/2020/Mit-II

Date 7th August, 2020

Dear Madam/sir,

I wish to draw your attention to the safety concerns relating to manufacturing, storage, transportation and handling of hazardous chemicals. The following advisory is given by way of reiteration of existing guidelines.

2. Each state/UT needs to ensure close surveillance over import, storage, distribution and end use of hazardous chemicals. NDMA guidelines on Chemical Disaster 2007 give detailed provisions for the safe storage and transportation of hazardous chemicals. In this context, as an example, Ammonium Nitrate Rules 2012 and Ammonium Nitrate (Amendment) Rules, 2018 issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade may also be referred to. Safety requirements in respect of other hazardous substances may also be reviewed with the respecting State/UT officials.

3. Storage area of hazardous chemicals must be fully provided with all safety equipment, security systems and advanced fire-fighting systems. The district disaster management plans need to be carefully updated, taking into account the contingencies that may arise in local industrial units by ensuring proper communication with the industrial units. Mock drills should be held regularly to check the preparedness.

4. Particular attention needs to be given to material that has remained stored in any location for long and got entangled with legal disputes regarding disposal, e-Auction etc. If there are any administrative bottlenecks, they need to be addressed on priority. Appropriate prayers have to be made before the concerned legal fora to grant necessary interim approvals for disposal of material that is locked up in litigation, which could otherwise pose risk to public safety or environment.

5. Wherever coordination issues relating to Central Excise or Customs arise, the concerned District Magistrate may be advised to take up with the concerned central authorities by informing the State Disaster Management Authority.

6. It is requested that the concerned officers of the State/ UT Government may be directed to step up vigilance and ensure that all preparedness measures are taken for safe storage, transportation and handling of hazardous chemicals on priority.

Yours sincerely,


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