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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
(HSM Division)

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**NOTICE FOR SEEKING INPUTS/ COMMENTS REGARDING AMENDMENTS
OF CHEMICAL ACCIDENT RULES – REGARDING.**

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is the nodal Ministry for chemical (industrial) accidents. In order to regulate the manufacturing, use and handling of hazardous chemicals, the Government of India in this Ministry have notified two set of rules viz. (i) Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals (MSIHC) Rules, 1989 and (ii) Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response), (CAEPPR) Rules,1996.

2. The main objectives of the MSIHC Rules are to: (i) prevent major chemical accidents arising from industrial activates; and (ii) limit the effects of chemical (industrial) accidents. Similarly, the CAEPPR Rules, 1996 provide the statutory backup for Crisis Management setup. These Rules prescribe a criteria for identification of Major Accident Hazard (MAH) installations and all districts with such installations are required to establish crisis management groups.

3. In addition, as prescribed by the MSIHC Rules, 1989, the occupiers of the Major Accidents Hazard (MAH) Units are responsible for preparation of an on-site Emergency Plan; and the Chief Inspector of Factories (CIFs) in consultation with District authorities are required to prepare off-site emergency plans as well.

3. A number of accidents in chemical industry installations in the recent past have brought into focus the need to review the missing gaps in the aforesaid rules so that effective enforcement of regulations in chemical industry is ensured. There is an urgent need for amendment of the aforesaid rules in line with the existing needs for minimization / control of chemical (industrial) accidents.

4. All concerned departments / stakeholders / citizens are hereby requested to furnish their inputs / information / comments on areas of amendments required in the rules viz. (i) Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals (MSIHC) Rules, 1989 and (ii) Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response), (CAEPPR) Rules, 1996. The comments / inputs may be sent either by fax or email at the following telephone number or e-mail address:

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5. It is further informed that the above mentioned two rules are available in the following links:

- (i) <http://envfor.nic.in/legis/hsm/hsm2.html>; and
- (ii) <http://envfor.nic.in/division/chemical-accidents-emergency-planning-preparedness-and-response-rules-1996>.



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To

- 1) All concerned stakeholders
- 2) Citizens of the country