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PUBLIC NOTICE No. 86 /2024**Subject: Import of Petroleum Products and Safety Requirements for handling Petroleum Cargo – Reg.**

Attention of all stakeholders including Importers & Exporters, Terminal Authority, Customs Brokers (CBs), Shipping Liners/Agents, CFS's and all concerned with import/export and handling of petroleum products is invited to various provisions of **The Petroleum (Amendment) Rules, 2024** which was notified by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, G.S.R. 154(E), vide Notification dated 04.03.2024 and **The Petroleum Rules, 2002** framed under **The Petroleum Act, 1934**. **The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO)** is the nodal agency for regulating safety of hazardous substances such as explosives, compressed gas and **petroleum**.

2. The **Petroleum Rules, 2002** are only applicable to the **petroleum products** covered under the definition of petroleum as provided under **Section 2** of the Petroleum Act, 1934. **The following definitions are relevant in this regard:**

- a. "**petroleum**" means any *liquid hydrocarbon* or *mixture of hydrocarbons*, and any inflammable mixture (liquid, viscous or solid) containing any liquid hydrocarbon.
- b. "**petroleum Class A**" means petroleum having a flash-point *below twenty-three (23) degrees Centigrade*;
- c. "**petroleum Class B**" means petroleum having a flash-point of *twenty-three (23) degrees Centigrade and above but below sixty five (65) degrees Centigrade*;
- d. "**petroleum Class C**" means petroleum having a flash-point of *sixty-five (65) degrees Centigrade and above but below ninetythree (93) degree Centigrade*;

3. **Containers and Storage Requirements as per Rule 33 of Petroleum Rules, 2002**, petroleum in **bulk shall not** be carried by water, except in a ship or other **vessel** licensed for the carriage of petroleum in bulk by an officer appointed by the Central Government in this behalf and the petroleum shall be stored in such part of the ship or other vessel and in such manner as may be approved by general or special order by the licensing authority after consultation with the Chief Controller.

4. **Storage and transportation of Petroleum Class A, Petroleum Class B & Petroleum Class C products** is allowed in containers as specified in the **Petroleum Rules, 2002**, as amended. Further, **Rule 5 and Rule 6 of the Petroleum Rules, 2002** provide the specifications of such containers for Petroleum Class A, Petroleum Class B & Petroleum Class C products. **As per Rule 4 of the Petroleum Rules, 2002**, Containers **exceeding one litre** in capacity for petroleum Class A and **five litres** in capacity for petroleum Class B or petroleum class C, shall be of a type approved by the Chief Controller of Explosives.

5. In light of the above mentioned rules, **PESO has clarified** that **flexi bags** fitted in general purpose **20 feet containers** are **not covered** under the definition of **container falling under Petroleum Rules, 2002**. Further, **Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) is not giving any license/permission for transportation of petroleum products in flexi bags fitted in general purpose 20 foot containers.**

6. Therefore, it is clarified that the petroleum products covered under the Petroleum Rules, 2002 framed under Petroleum Act, 1934 **must be imported only in containers as specified under the provisions of the said Rules.**

7. It may be noted that the objective of **this Public Notice** remains limited to the clarification given above and Importers/Exporters and all concerned with petroleum products in any way shall remain bound by the various other Acts/Rules/Guidelines in place.

8. Any difficulty noticed in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Additional Commissioner in charge of Appraising Main (Import), NS-I Commissionerate, JNCH (email address: **appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in**).

9. All the stakeholders including the trade and concerned associations are requested to take note of above for necessary action.

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Commissioner of Customs,
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