

Notification concerning Ban on Import of Hazardous Wastes

Ministry of Environment and Forests

S.O. 330(E), dated April 15, 1997, published in the Gazette of India, Extra., Part II, Section 3(ii), dated 15th April, 1997, pp.2-3, No. 253 [F. No. 23(7)/96-HSMD]

Whereas a notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3 sub-section (ii) vide No. S.O. 42(E) dated the 16th January, 1997 under clause (iii) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 13 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 inviting objections from the persons likely to be affected within a period of sixty days from the date of publication of the notification with regard to Government's intention for the imposition of prohibition on the imports of hazardous wastes specified in the Table given in the said notification;

And whereas objections received within the said period were duly considered by the Central Government;

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that the hazardous wastes specified in the Table below are toxic and detrimental to human health and the environment. It is therefore considered necessary to prohibit the import of the aforesaid hazardous wastes;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 3 and clause (d) of sub-section (2) of Section 6 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), read with Rule 13 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government hereby prohibits from the date of publication of this notification the import of the hazardous wastes, listed in the Table below:-

TABLE

Wastes containing the following as constituents or the wastes bearing the following as contaminants:

Beryllium

Selenium

Chromium (Hexavalent)

Thallium

Wastes containing:

Pesticides, herbicides and insecticides and their
intermediates/residues thereof including outdated pesticides