

Public Grievance/Most Immediate
No. 15(18)/2016-C.I.
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion
(C.I. Section)

New Delhi, the 4 May, 2016

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Public Grievance Registration No. PMOPG/E/2015/0150480 dated 11.11.2015 of Shri Abhishek Prasannan, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Request to stop sale of phosphate contained detergents in India-regarding.**

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The undersigned is directed to **enclose** herewith copy of a Public Grievance received from Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (PMO) Registration No. PMOPG/E/2015/0150480 dated 11.11.2015 of Shri Abhishek Prasannan, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on the subject mentioned above.

2. It is requested that the specific comments on the issues in respect of phosphate content in detergents raised by the petitioner may be furnished to this Department at the earliest.


(Sunil Agarwal)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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Encl: as above

O/o the Development Commissioner,
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(e.mail:dmsme@nic.in)

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2. Shri S.Thomas, Power Soaps, (T.No.91 94441 52277/99400 52277) (**E.mail: s.thomas@powersoaps.com**)
3. Shri Ritum Jain, President Bengal Soaps & Detergents Manufacturers Welfare Associations, 17, Crooked Lane, Kolkata- 700069.T.No.91 98312 51774 (**E.mail: ritum@safed.in**)

4. Shri Dalipjolly, M.D., Fena Industries, A-237, Okhla Industrial Area-I, New Delhi **(E.mail:dalipjolly@fena.com/ director@fena.com)**
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9. PR&C Section, DIPP w.r.t. their No.6/2/2016-PR&C(Pt.) dated the 25.04.2016.

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No. 6/2/2016-PR&C (Pt.)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION
PR&C SECTION

UDYOG BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110011.

Dated:- 22nd April, 2016
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Forwarding of Representation/Public Grievance Petition.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals O.M. No. 13012/04/2015-Chem-II dated 18/4/2016 forwarding therewith petition filed by Shri Abhishek Prasannan registered under No. PMOPG/E/2015/0150480 dated 11/11/2015 relating to stoppage of selling phosphate contained detergents in India.

2. It is requested that action taken in the matter may please be communicated to the petitioner under intimation to this Section.

Encls:- As above.

R. Jain
(Reetu Jain)
Director

To

The Under Secretary,
(Shri Sunil Kumar Agarwal),
C. I. Section,
DIPP, Udhog Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Copy for information to :-

1. The Director, (Shri Dinesh Kumar), Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Shri Shri Abhishek Prasannan, Abhishek Poonthi Road, Kumarapuram, MC, Trievendrum, Kerala -695011.

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No. 13012/04/2015-Chem-II
Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 18th April, 2016

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Grievance of Sh. Abihsek Prasanan to stop selling phosphate contained detergents in India - regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of online grievance of Shri Abhishek Prasannan, registration No. PMOPG/E/2015/0150480 dated 11.11.2015 on the subject mentioned above.

2. Since, the issue raised by the petitioner pertains to stop selling phosphate contained detergents in India. The item Detergents falls under the domain of D/o Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Thus the above grievance is transferred to D/o Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry for sending an appropriate reply directly to the petitioner.

Dinesh Kumar

(Dinesh Kumar)

Director

Tel No. 011-23386047

Encl: as above

To,

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D/o Industrial Policy & Promotion
Ministry Commerce and Industry,
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MC, Trivandrum, Deral -695011, abzgetmails@yahoo.co.in

Copy for information to: - SO (Coordination), DCPC

Dir(R) - On Leave

U.S.(R/M)

R. Prasad
21/4/16

Sh. Prasad

Grievance Details

Registration Number : PMOPG/E/2015/0150480
Registration Date : 11 Nov 2015
Complainant's Name : ABHISHEK PRASANNAN
Grievance Category : Central Government(Miscellaneous) - Commerce
Letter No & Date : ,11/11/2015 12:00:00 AM
Client Status : General Public
Address : "Abhishek" Poonthi Road, Kumarapuram, MC,
Trivandrum, Kerala
-695011
State/UT : Kerala
District : Thiruvananthapuram
Contact No. : ,9895038773
E-mail ID : abzgetmails@yahoo.co.in

Grievance Description :

GOI must soon enact a law forcing foreign multi-national companies to stop selling phosphate contained detergents in India. Give these companies a dead line in writing , mentioning the INITIAL FINE and the subsequent fine. After that make them close shop in India. Make these multinationals pay for restoration of our lakes. They had double standards. They only sell phosphate free detergents in Western countries. Phosphates consume large amounts of oxygen, in the lake literally killing all aquatic organisms and ecosystems. Phosphorous can cause environmental damage, including algae blooms, low oxygen levels , fish deaths—and the foam formation as seen in Bangalore. Most of the lakes in India are green in colour due to algae. Phosphorous, primarily in the form of phosphate, is not very soluble (like nitrate in artificial fertilizers) and is primarily transported by sediment in runoff, often ending up in lakes and rivers and streams. Today phosphorus is used in foods and beverages. Coke uses white Phosphoric acid. Controlling phosphorous discharged from municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants is a key factor in preventing eutrophication of surface water. Local cottage industry detergent manufacturers must be helped by the Govt to find an alternative to phosphates to reduce water harness and for better wash. Phosphates can be replaced with zeolites (silicate minerals). Zeolites are microporous silicate minerals. They bind calcium, magnesium and other metals present in the wash solution and soften the hardness of the wash water. This boosts the efficacy of the other cleaning ingredients and increases the effectiveness of the detergent. Too much phosphate in water leads to total reduction of good aquatic life, poor taste and odors in drinking water. Detergent makers have been competing with each other to overdose phosphorus . It binds with dirt and keeps it suspended in water, allowing the other cleaning agents to do their best work. Phosphate fertilizer is manufactured from rock phosphate. Rock phosphate is mined and processed into phosphate fertilizer. India imports lot of it. Avoid phosphate artificial fertilizers near water bodies- use organic fertilizers. Today many companies worldwide manufacture lanthanum-modified bentonite clay (Phoslock) application to remove phosphorus from lake water. Phoslock is a product designed for phosphate removal from water. Its active component is lanthanum which reacts with phosphate forming an insoluble and biologically inert compound. Its ability to bind phosphate makes it an effective tool in lake restoration. It is safe for natural aquatic systems. When used in lake restoration, Phoslock is usually added to one lake as a slurry. As it sinks through the water column it binds phosphate as it goes. Once settled on the bottom...

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continue to bind phosphate released from the sediment, thus controlling one of the major blocks to lake restoration - sediment phosphorus release. Phoslock can be used in lakes, ponds, dam reservoirs as well as other standing waters (e.g. reservoirs, fish hatcheries) where high phosphate levels are causing problems. It is not usually applied to flowing waters. By removing phosphate from the water column and preventing its release from sediments, Phoslock essentially deprives algae of an important food source and the proliferation of algae, particularly blue green algae, is reduced.

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