

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: HOME DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Imphal, the 16th May, 2014

No. 20/4(61)/2008-H(LC): Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(Crl.)129 of 2006 Laxmi vs. U.o.I and others on 18/07/2013 had passed certain directions regarding the sale of acid/corrosive substances.

2. Whereas, the State of Manipur is yet to notify the appropriate Poison Rules under the Poisons Act, 1919.

3. As per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is hereby brought to the notice of the general public which includes individuals, educational and research institutions, hospitals, industries, Government Departments and departments of Public Sector Undertakings or sellers of the following acids and corrosive substances, namely that henceforth their sale would be regulated until the new Poison Rules are promulgated: Acetic acid (beyond 25% concentration by weight), Acetic Anhydride, Sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄)(beyond 5% concentration by weight), Hydrochloric acid (HCl) (beyond 5% concentration by weight), Phosphoric acid (H₃PO₄), Hydrofluoric acid (HF), Perchloric acid (HClO₄), Formic Acid (beyond 10% concentration by weight), Hydrocyanic acid except substances containing less than 0.1 per cent weight in weight of Hydrocyanic acid, Nitric acid, except substances containing less than 5 per cent weight in weight of Nitric Acid, Oxalic Acid, Perchloride of mercury (corrosive sublimate), Hydrogen Peroxide (beyond 50% concentration by weight), Formaldehyde (beyond 25% concentration by weight), Phenol (beyond 3% concentration by weight), Potassium Hydroxide except substances containing less than 2 per cent weight in weight of Potassium Hydroxide, Sodium Hydroxide except substances containing less than 2 per cent weight in weight of sodium Hydroxide.

4. It is hereby directed that:

i) Over the counter, sale of acid is completely prohibited unless the **seller** maintains a **log/register** recording the sale of acid which will contain the **details of the person(s)** to whom acid(s) is/are sold and the quantity sold. The log/register shall contain the **address of the person** to whom it is sold. No acid shall be sold to any person who is **below 18 years** of age.

(ii) All sellers shall sell acid only after the **buyer** has shown:

a) a **photo ID issued by the Government** which also has the address of the person.

b) **specifies the reason/purpose** for procuring acid.

(iii) All stocks of acid must be declared by the **seller** with the concerned are Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) **within 15 days** of this notice.

(iv) In case if any undeclared stock of acid is detected, the concerned SDM will confiscate the stock and suitably impose **fine on such seller up to Rs. 50,000/-**.

(v) The concerned SDM may impose **fine up to Rs.50,000/-** on any person who commits breach of any of the above directions.

5. It is further directed that the educational institutions, research laboratories, hospitals, Government Departments and the departments of Public Sector Undertakings, who are required to keep and store acid, shall follow the following guidelines:

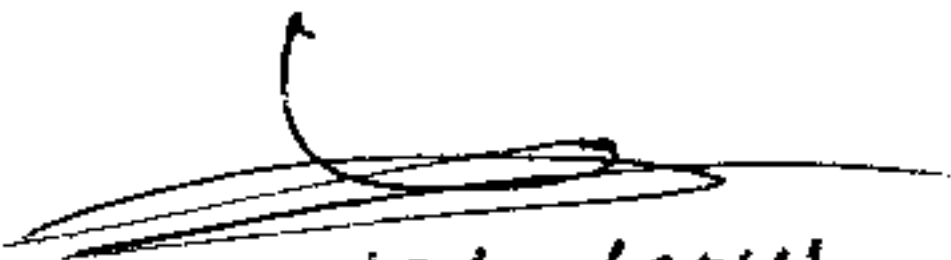
(i) A register of usage of acid shall be maintained and the same shall be filed with the concerned SDM.

(ii) A person shall be made accountable for possession and safe keeping of acid in their premises.

(iii) The acid shall be stored under the supervision of this person and there shall be compulsory checking of the students/ personnel leaving the laboratories/place of storage where acid is used.

The concerned SDM shall be vested with the responsibility of taking appropriate action for the breach/default/ violation of the above directions.

All the buyers and sellers of acids and corrosive substances are requested to follow the above directions scrupulously.



16/5/2014

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Under Secretary (Home),
Government of Manipur.

Copy to:

1. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
2. Director General of Police, Manipur- - with a request to give wide publicity of the public notice and furnish ATR to Home Department.
3. P.S. to Addl. Chief Secretary (Com. & Ind.), Govt. of Manipur.
4. P.S. to Principal Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), Govt. of Manipur.
5. P.S. to Principal Secretary (Education- S), Govt. of Manipur.
6. P.S. to Commissioner (Higher & Tech. Education), Govt. of Manipur..
7. Secretary (Law), Government of Manipur.
8. All District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner, Manipur- with a request to give wide publicity of the public notice and furnish ATR to Home Department.
9. Director, Printing and Stationary, Manipur. He is requested to publish the above Notification in the Official Gazette and furnish 30 copies to this Department.
10. Director (Information & Public Relations), Manipur- with a request to give wide publicity of the public notice and furnish ATR to Home Department.
11. OSD (IT), Government of Manipur. He is requested to upload the above orders in the Official Manipur Website.
12. Guard File.