In accordance with the Provisions of Rule 18 of the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 and its amendments made thereafter, the following procedure will be followed for the import of hazardous chemicals:

1. (a) The importer must submit prior intimation of the import of hazardous chemicals to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board before 30 days or as reasonably possible but not later than the date of import. These information should contain the following documents -
   
i) The name and the address of the person receiving the consignment
   ii) Port of entry in India
   iii) Mode of transport from the exporting country to India
   iv) Quantity of chemical(s) being imported
   v) Complete product safety data sheet

(b) If the West Bengal Pollution Control Board is satisfied that the chemical being imported is likely to pose major accident, it may direct the importer to take such safety measures as the West Bengal Pollution Control Board may deem appropriate. In case the West Bengal Pollution Control Board is of the opinion that the chemical should not be imported on safety or on environmental ground, the Board will issue direction to stop the import.

(c) In the event of item (b), the Board will simultaneously inform the Port Authority to take appropriate steps regarding the safe handling and storage of hazardous chemicals while off-loading the consignment within the Port premises.

(d) The importer of hazardous chemical shall maintain the records of the hazardous chemicals imported as specified in Schedule – 10 of the Rules and records so maintained shall be open for inspection by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board or the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India or any other officer appointed by them in this behalf.

(e) The importer of hazardous chemical or a person working on his behalf shall ensure that transport of hazardous chemicals from port of entry to the ultimate destination is in accordance with the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

2. This order repeals the earlier order in this regard, and will take effect immediately.

3. This order is issued following the resolution of the 162nd Board Meeting of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board held on 01st, October 2015.