

**Intergovernmental negotiating committee  
to prepare a global legally binding instrument  
on mercury**

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Agenda item 3

**Work to prepare for the entry into force of the Minamata  
Convention on Mercury and for the first meeting of the  
Conference of the Parties**

## **Submission by the co-chairs of the contact group on technical issues**

### **Note by the secretariat**

The secretariat has the honour to transmit a submission by the co-chairs of the contact group on technical issues conveying the agreed outcome of the group in relation to Article 6 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury (see annex). It is reproduced as submitted to the secretariat, without formal editing.

**Annex****Proposed format for the registration of exemptions for the products and processes listed in Part I of Annexes A and B****Annex A: Mercury-Added Products****REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 4****PARTY:**

The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention is hereby notified of the registration of the following exemption pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Convention. No exemption is required for products excluded from Annex A.

<b>Mercury added products, as listed in Part I of Annex A.</b>	<b>Indicate the category or subcategory for which the exemption is being registered, and whether it is for manufacture, import and/or export.</b>	<b>Duration of exemption (if less than five years past the phase-out date)</b>
Batteries, except for button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 2% and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2%		
Switches and relays, except very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridges and high frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per bridge, switch or relay		
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are $\leq$ 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner		
Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: (a) Triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp; (b) Halophosphate phosphor $\leq$ 40 watts with a mercury content exceeding 10 mg per lamp		
High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes		
Mercury in cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps (CCFL and EEFL) for electronic displays: (a) short length ( $\leq$ 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 3.5 mg per lamp (b) medium length (> 500 mm and $\leq$ 1 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp (c) long length (> 1 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 13 mg per lamp		

Cosmetics (with mercury content above 1ppm), including skin lightening soaps and creams, and not including eye area cosmetics where mercury is used as a preservative and no effective and safe substitute preservatives are available <sup>1</sup>		
Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics		
The following non-electronic measuring devices except non-electronic measuring devices installed in large-scale equipment or those used for high-precision measurement, where no suitable mercury-free alternative is available: (a) barometers; (b) hygrometers; (c) manometers; (d) thermometers; (e) sphygmomanometers.		
<p>Please attach the explanatory statement on the need for an exemption, one statement per individual product category listed in Part I of Annex A.</p> <p>As part of, or in addition to, the explanation of the need for the exemption, a registering Party may include, as appropriate, the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any timetable or plan of action to phase out the import, export, or manufacture or to adjust manufacturing specifications to comply with the mercury concentrations for products set out in Annex A; and</li> <li>• information on the level of stocks of the product available nationally.</li> </ul>		
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<sup>1</sup> The intention is not to cover cosmetics, soaps or creams with trace contaminants of mercury.

## Annex B: Processes that use Mercury

### REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 5

**PARTY:**

The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention is hereby notified of the registration of the following exemption pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Convention.

Manufacturing processes using mercury or mercury compounds set out in part I of Annex B	Indicate the category or subcategory for which the exemption is registered.	Duration of exemption (if less than five years past the phase-out date)
Chlor-alkali production		
Acetaldehyde production in which mercury or mercury compounds are used as a catalyst		

Please attach an explanatory statement on the need for the exemption, one statement per process category.

As part of, or in addition to, the explanation of the need for the exemption, the registering Party may include, as appropriate, the following information:

- any timetable or plan of action to phase out the use of mercury in facilities; and
- identification of the facilities for which an exemption is being registered, including the capacity of the facilities and the expected annual use of mercury by the facilities.

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**Proposed format for the register of exemptions from the phase-out dates listed  
in Part I of Annex A to the  
Minamata Convention on Mercury**

<i>Party</i>	<i>Specific category/subcategory for which an exemption is registered and whether the exemption is for manufacture, import, and/or export.</i>	<i>Explanation for the exemption</i>  <i>As Provided (this would then be a hyperlink to the statement as provided by the Party)</i>	<i>Expiry date for the exemption(s)<sup>a</sup></i>
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<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise indicated by the Party, all exemptions expire five years after the relevant phase-out date listed in Part I of Annex A.

**Proposed format for the register of exemptions from the phase-out dates listed  
in Part I of Annex B to the  
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<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise indicated by the Party, all exemptions expire five years after the relevant phase-out date listed in Part I of Annex B.