2023 SHORT REPORTS OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Report submitted on 22 December 2023
**Question 3.5 amended by Party on 20 March 2024*

REPORTING PERIOD:
1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022

▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

1. Information on the party

Name of party
European Union

Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited
18 May 2017

Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party
16 August 2017

2. Information on the national focal point

Full name of the institution
European Commission

Title of contact officer
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Focal Point is submitting the national report

- (●) Information is submitted by the national focal point
- ( ) Information is submitted by another contact officer

▼ ART. 3: MERCURY SUPPLY SOURCES AND TRADE

3.1. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- ( ) Yes
- (●) No

Additional information on this question if needed
According to Art. 9 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, artisanal small-scale gold mining and processing in which mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore shall be prohibited. Where there is evidence of there being more than isolated cases of non-compliance with the prohibition, the competent authority of the Member State concerned shall develop and implement a national plan according to Annex IV.

3.3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

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*If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above:

i. Please attach the results of your endeavor or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round.
According to Art 18(1)(d)(i) of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on Mercury and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1752 establishing reporting format and frequency: by 1/1/2020 and by 30/09/2021 and at appropriate intervals thereafter, EU Member States shall prepare, provide to the European Commission and make publicly available on the Internet a report containing inter alia a list of sites located in their territories where stocks of more than 50 metric tonnes of mercury other than mercury waste are located as well as the amount of mercury at each site.

In addition, according to Art 12 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, economic operators within the industry sectors referred to in points (a) chlor-alkali industry, (b) cleaning of natural gas and (c) non-ferrous mining and smelting operations of Article 11 shall
send, each year the following to the competent authority of the Member State concerned:

(a) Data on the total amount of mercury waste stored in each of their installations;
(b) Data on the total amount of mercury waste sent to individual facilities undertaking the temporary storage, the conversion and,if applicable, solidification of mercury waste, or the permanent storage of mercury waste that underwent conversion and, if applicable, solidification;

(c) The location and contact details of each facility referred to in point (b);
(d) A copy of the certificate provided by the operator of the facility undertaking the temporary storage of mercury waste, in accordance with Article 14(1);
(e) A copy of the certificate provided by the operator of the facility undertaking the conversion and, if applicable, solidification of mercury waste in accordance with Article 14(2);
(f) A copy of the certificate provided by the operator of the facility undertaking permanent storage of mercury waste that underwent conversion and, if applicable, solidification in accordance with Article 14(3).
For futher information, please refer to individual EU Member States' reports submitted to the Minamata Secretariat according to Article 21 of the Minamata Convention. Please also consult the EEA data viewer.

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ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stocks and sources.
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3.5. Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non-parties, for all exports of mercury from the party's territory in the reporting period?

- [ ] Yes, exports to parties
- [ ] Yes, exports to non-parties
- [ ] No
- [x] No, no export

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▼ ART. 11: MERCURY WASTES

11.2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Do not know (please explain)

If yes, if the information is available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subjected to final disposal under the reporting period? Please specify the method of the final disposal operation/operations.
The information on the amount of mercury waste subject to final disposal during the reporting period will soon be communicated. Please refer also to individual Member States' reports under Article 21 of the Convention.

In accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 of the European Parliament and of the

Council of 17 May 2017 on Mercury; Member States must ensure that, prior to being permanently disposed of, mercury waste shall undergo conversion and, where intended to be disposed of in aboveground facilities, conversion and solidification. Mercury waste that underwent conversion and, if applicable, solidification shall only be permanently disposed of in the following permanent storage facilities licensed for disposal of hazardous waste:
- salt mines that are adapted for permanent storage of mercury waste that underwent conversion, or deep underground hard rock formations providing a level of safety and confinement equivalent to or higher than that of such salt mines; or
- above-ground facilities dedicated to and equipped for the permanent storage of mercury waste that underwent conversion and solidification and that provide a level of safety and confinement equivalent to or higher than that of the facilities referred to in point (a).

In addition, according to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, Member States shall prepare, provide to the Commission and make publicly available on the internet a report including:
(d) Information regarding mercury located in their territories: (i) a list of sites where stocks of more than 50 metric tonnes of mercury other than mercury waste are located as well as the amount of mercury at each site and (ii) a list of sites where more than 50 metric tonnes of mercury waste is accumulated as well as the amount of mercury waste at each site; and
(e) A list of sources supplying more than 10 metric tonnes of mercury per year, where Member States are made aware of such sources.

For further information, please refer to individual EU Member States' reports submitted to the Minamata Secretariat according to Article 21 of the Minamata Convention. Please also consult the EEA data viewer : https://www.eea.europa.eu/data-and-maps/dashboards/mercury-regulation-data-viewer.

Kindly attach any additional relevant information
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▼ COMMENTS

Part C: Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)

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▼ SUPPLEMENTAL - ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supplemental: Part D: Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

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