2023 SHORT REPORTS OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Report submitted on 03 January 2024

REPORTING PERIOD:
1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022

▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

1. Information on the party

Name of party
Republic of Korea

Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited
22 November 2019

Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party
20 February 2020

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▼ 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
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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:

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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.
This information is confirmed from the data of reporting hazardous chemicals from 2021 to 2022, and the data obtained from a survey on emissions in 2022.

It was reported in 2021 that one company uses 73.66 tons of mercury chloride (CAS No. 10112-91-1) during processing that is generated during processing. Its disposal information is not available.

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.
Wastes consisting of mercury shall be kept and stored in mercury-dedicated container permanently in accordance with Attachment 5(4) of the Enforcement Rule of the Wastes Control Act, the Public Notice on Standard for Mercury-dedicated Container and Attachment 5(3) of the Enforcement Rule of the Chemicals Control Act.
Disposed mercury waste amounts to 26.5 tons in 2021 and 50.5 tons in 2022, respectively. Please note that these amounts are the total amount of mercury-containing wastes, not pure mercury only.

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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