2023 SHORT REPORTS OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Report submitted on 22 December 2023

REPORTING PERIOD:
1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022

▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

1. Information on the party

Name of party
Ireland

Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited
18 March 2019

Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party
16 June 2019

2. Information on the national focal point

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3. Information about the contact officer submitting the reporting format if different from the above

Focal Point is submitting the national report

- ○ Information is submitted by the national focal point
- ◉ Information is submitted by another contact officer

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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.
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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

Part E - Additional comments on this article

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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)

Kindly attach any additional relevant information
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Part E - Additional comments on this article

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▼ COMMENTS

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

There was an attempt made to contact the Focal Point of another Party with regard to a small quantity of exported mercury, which was not given written content by Ireland as the importing Party. However, contact could not be established with the relevant Focal Point in the exporting country. This presented a challenge to meeting the objectives of the Convention and may be solved by a review of contact details available for National Focal Points.

▼ SUPPLEMENTAL - ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

We welcome the COP amendments to the reporting format and draft guidance on completing the national reporting.