



The Sri Lanka Consumer Affairs Authority and the Zero Mercury Working Group invite you to their event:

Engaging Online Platforms in Enforcing Restricted Product Policies for Mercury-added Cosmetics

Minamata Convention Pre-COP-6 Online events

Thursday, October 16, 2025

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, (UTC+02:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris

Despite health risks, mercury is frequently added to skin lightening products (Hg/SLPs). While the Convention bans manufacture and trade of Hg/SLPs, their production and distribution continue based on testing by ZMWG, Sri Lanka and others. To curtail online trade, actions may be necessary that go beyond the reach of national legislation. This event will showcase complementary regulatory and voluntary approaches and case law example (e.g. Amazon settlement) to prevent online sale of Hg/SLPs.

Agenda

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| 18h00 | Welcome – <i>Moderator, Elena Lymberidi-Settimo, EEB</i> |
| 18h05 | Engaging Online Platforms in Enforcing Restricted Product Policies for Mercury-added Skin Lighteners, <i>Michael Bender, ZMWG</i> |
| 18h20 | The Power of Citizen Enforcement: Restricting Mercury in Consumer Products, <i>Rachel Doughty, Greenfire Law, PC</i> |
| 18h35 | Controlling and preventing online sale of mercury added SLPs in Sri Lanka, <i>Ms. Samantha Karunaratne, Sri Lanka CAA</i> |
| 18h50 | QA |
| 19h00 | End |