

Submission by Natural Resources Defense Council

To assist in the work of the expert group in considering which mercury compounds could be listed in a possible annex, NRDC suggests the expert group first determine the following:

1. Which mercury compounds are or could be utilized to manufacture cosmetics, batteries, lamps or any of the other products restricted or prohibited under Annex A?
2. Which mercury compounds are or could be used in the manufacturing processes restricted or prohibited under Annex B, including but not limited to the manufacture of polyurethane and VCM?
3. Which mercury compounds are or could be used to produce elemental mercury technically and economically?

Once these questions are answered, the expert group may consider specifying mercury compounds of concern.