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Minamata Convention on Mercury
First meeting
Geneva, 24–29 September 2017****Decision adopted by the first Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury****MC-1/12: Formats to be used in registering for an exemption from the
phase-out dates listed in Annex A and Annex B and for the register of
exemptions***The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Adopts* the formats for registering for an exemption pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 6, as set out in the annex to the present decision;
2. *Also adopts* the formats for the register of exemptions pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 6, as set out in the annex to the present decision;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to make available to States and regional economic integration organizations the above-mentioned formats for registering for an exemption;
4. *Instructs* the secretariat to establish the register of exemptions as per the above-mentioned formats, maintain the register and make it available to the public.

Annex to decision MC-1/12

Proposed format for the registration of exemptions for the products and processes listed in Part I of Annexes A and B to the Minamata Convention

Annex A: Mercury-added products

REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 4

PARTY:

The secretariat of the Minamata Convention is hereby notified of the registration of the following exemption pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Convention. No exemption is required for products excluded from Annex A.

Mercury added products, as listed in part I of annex A	Indicate the category or subcategory for which the exemption is being registered, and whether it is for manufacture, import and/or export	Duration of exemption (if less than five years past the phase-out date)
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Batteries, except for button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 2% and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2%

Switches and relays, except very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridges and high frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per bridge, switch or relay

Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner

Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes:

(a) Triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp;

(b) Halophosphate phosphor ≤ 40 watts with a mercury content exceeding 10 mg per lamp

High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes

Mercury in cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps (CCFL and EEFL) for electronic displays:

(a) Short length (≤ 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 3.5 mg per lamp

(b) Medium length (> 500 mm and ≤ 1,500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp

(c) Long length (> 1,500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 13 mg per lamp

REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 4

Cosmetics (with mercury content above 1ppm), including skin lightening soaps and creams, and not including eye area cosmetics where mercury is used as a preservative and no effective and safe substitute preservatives are available¹

Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics

The following non-electronic measuring devices except non-electronic measuring devices installed in large-scale equipment or those used for high-precision measurement, where no suitable mercury-free alternative is available:

- (a) Barometers;
- (b) Hygrometers;
- (c) Manometers;
- (d) Thermometers;
- (e) Sphygmomanometers.

Please attach the explanatory statement on the need for an exemption, one statement per individual product category listed in part I of annex A.

As part of, or in addition to, the explanation of the need for the exemption, a registering Party may include, as appropriate, the following information:

- Any timetable or plan of action to phase out the import, export, or manufacture or to adjust manufacturing specifications to comply with the mercury concentrations for products set out in Annex A;
- Information on the level of stocks of the product available nationally.

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¹ The intention is not to cover cosmetics, soaps or creams with trace contaminants of mercury.

Annex B: Processes that use mercury

REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 5

PARTY:

The secretariat of the Minamata Convention is hereby notified of the registration of the following exemption pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Convention.

Manufacturing processes using mercury or mercury compounds set out in part I of Annex B	Indicate the category or subcategory for which the exemption is registered.	Duration of exemption (if less than five years past the phase-out date)
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Chlor-alkali production
Acetaldehyde production in which mercury or mercury compounds are used as a catalyst

Please attach an explanatory statement on the need for the exemption, one statement per process category. As part of, or in addition to, the explanation of the need for the exemption, the registering Party may include, as appropriate, the following information:

- Any timetable or plan of action to phase out the use of mercury in facilities; and
- Identification of the facilities for which an exemption is being registered, including the capacity of the facilities and the expected annual use of mercury by the facilities.

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Proposed format for the register of exemptions from the phase-out dates listed in Part I of Annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

<i>Party</i>	<i>Indicate the specific category/subcategory for which the exemption is registered and whether the exemption is for manufacture, import and/or export.</i>	<i>Explanation for the exemption</i> <i>As provided (this would be a hyperlink to the statement as provided by the Party)</i>	<i>Expiry date for the exemption^a</i>
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^a Unless otherwise indicated by the Party, all exemptions expire five years after the relevant phase-out date listed in Part I of Annex A.

Proposed format for the register of exemptions from the phase-out dates listed in Part I of Annex B to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

<i>Party</i>	<i>Specific category/subcategory for which an exemption is registered</i>	<i>Explanation for the exemption</i> <i>As provided (this would then be a hyperlink to the statement as provided by the Party)</i>	<i>Expiry date for the exemption^a</i>
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^a Unless otherwise indicated by the Party, all exemptions expire five years after the relevant phase-out date listed in Part I of Annex B.