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Updates to the appendices to the guidance on completing the forms required under article 3 related to trade in mercury*

Note by the secretariat

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury adopted, in decision MC-6/1 on supply sources and trade, the updates to the appendices to the guidance on completing the forms required under article 3 related to trade in mercury. The guidance had been set out in its earlier form in annex III to document UNEP/MC/COP.1/5, and the Conference considered draft updates to its appendices as set out in annex III to document UNEP/MC/COP.6/5. The text updating the appendices to the guidance, as adopted, is set out in the annex to the present note. The full text of the guidance incorporating the update will be published by the secretariat in due course.

* This present document has not been formally edited.

Annex

Updates to the appendices to the guidance on completing the forms required under article 3 related to trade in mercury[1]

Appendix A

In the box in section C on shipment information to be provided by the exporting country, after the first paragraph, the following paragraph is proposed for addition:

> Section C includes information on the source of mercury to be exported. Sources of mercury may include primary mercury mining, decommissioning of facilities where mercury or mercury compounds were used, mercury storage prior to use, mercury recycling or recovery, and facilities that may result in the production of by-product mercury.

At the beginning of the following paragraph, the following text is proposed for addition:

> Exporting parties are to identify whether the mercury is from primary mercury mining. It should be noted that this may include what parties regard as informal or illegal primary mercury mining.

In the box in section D on information to be provided by the importing party, the following paragraph is proposed for addition after the current last paragraph:

> Exporting parties shall not allow the export of mercury unless the export of mercury is for the purpose of environmentally sound interim storage or for the use allowed under the Convention.

Appendix B

In the box in section C on shipment information to be provided by the exporting party, the following text is proposed for addition at the beginning of the second paragraph:

> Exporting parties are to identify whether the mercury is from primary mercury mining. It should be noted that this may include what parties regard as informal or illegal primary mercury mining.

In the box in section D on certification and information to be provided by an importing non-party, the following paragraph is to be added after the current last paragraph:

> Exporting parties shall not allow the export of mercury to a non-party unless the non-party has measures in place to ensure the protection of human health and the environment and to ensure its compliance with articles 10 and 11, and unless the export of mercury is for the purpose of environmentally sound interim storage or for the use allowed under the Convention.

[1] UNEP/MC/COP.1/5, annex III.