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**Q1 INFORMATION ON THE PARTY**

Name of the party **Switzerland**

**Q2** Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited Date **25/05/2016**

**Q3** Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party Date **16/08/2017**

**Q4 INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT**

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**Q5 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTACT OFFICER SUBMITTING THE REPORTING FORMAT IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE** -

**Q6 DATE THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED** Date **31/12/2019**

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**Q7** 1. Does the party have any primary mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? (Para. 3.) **No**

**Q8** c. If yes, please indicate Total amount mined \_\_\_\_\_ metric tons per year -

**Q9** Additional information on this question if needed -

**Q10** 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? (Para. 5.) **Yes**

**Q11** If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above: i. Please attach the results of your endeavour or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round. -

**Q12** ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stock and sources.

Stocks of mercury or mercury compounds located within the territory of Switzerland could exceed temporarily 50 metric tons. The stored mercury and mercury sulphide originate exclusively from the treatment of mercury wastes according to paragraph 2 of article 11. Switzerland has measures in place to ensure that all mercury and mercury sulphide is managed in an environmentally sound manner and is either re-used for a use allowed under the Minamata Convention or exported for environmentally sound disposal according the provisions of paragraph 3 of article 11 of the Minamata Convention and the Basel Convention. Each export of mercury for re-use must be authorised by the FOEN. Authorisations are granted only if the mercury is not excess mercury from the decommissioning of chlor-alkali facilities and if the importing country has provided its written consent to the import of the mercury for a use allowed under the Minamata Convention and the national legislation of the importing country. Based on the Swiss legislation an authorisation for the export of mercury shall only be granted on application for the following uses:

- (a) analysis and research purposes;
- (b) manufacture of discharge lamps;
- (c) maintenance of rolling seam welding machines that work with roller heads containing mercury;
- (d) Manufacture of dental amalgam capsules.

**Q13** 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? (Para. 6, para. 7.) **Yes, exports to parties,**  
**Yes, exports to non-parties**

**Q14** If yes, a. and the party has submitted copies of the consent forms to the secretariat, then no further information is needed. If the party has not previously provided such copies, it is recommended that it do so. Otherwise, please provide other suitable information showing that the relevant requirements of paragraph 6 of article 3 have been met. Supplemental: please provide information on the use of the exported mercury.

For all exports of mercury to non-Parties we received certification from the importing countries demonstrating that the requirements of paragraph 6 letter b of article 3 have been met.

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**Q15** Kindly attach all relevant information here

**Switzerland\_Overview consents for the import of mercury by parties and non-parties\_2019.pdf (211.3KB)**

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**Q16** b. If exports were based on a general notification in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7, please indicate, if available, the total amount exported and any relevant terms or conditions in the general notification related to use.

No mercury export has occurred based on a general notification in accordance with article 3 paragraph 7 of the Minamata Convention.

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**Q17** Kindly attach any relevant information here

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**Q18** Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below.

We have no additional comments.

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**Q19** 2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory?

No

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**Q20** If yes, if the information is available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subjected to final disposal under the reporting period? Please specify the method of the final disposal operation/operations.

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**Q21** Kindly attach any additional relevant information here

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**Q22** Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below.

We have no additional comments.

**Q23** Part C. Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)

We have no comments on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

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**Q24** Part D. Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

We appreciate separate reporting forms for the biennial report and the four years report.

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**Q25** Additional information to supplement that request -  
may be attached

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