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• Questions 3.3 and 11.2 amended by Kuwait on 25 August 2022

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16 August 2017 to 31 December 2020

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▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

1. Information on the party

Name of party
Kuwait

Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited
3 December 2015

Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party
16 August 2017

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▼ ART. 3: MERCURY SUPPLY SOURCES AND TRADE

3.1. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?
- Yes
- No

Additional information on this question if needed
لا توجد لدى دولة الكويت أي مناجم

3.2. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that are now in operation that were not in operation at the time of entry into force of the Convention for the party?
- Yes
- No

3.3. 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?
- Yes
- No

If the party answered No above, please explain.
تم مراجعة الجهات التالية: بلدية الكويت، وزارة الكهرباء والماء، الهيئة العامة للصناعات، اتحاد الصناعات الكويتية، الهيئة العامة لشؤون الزراعة والثروة السمكية، وزارة الصحة، وزارة التجارة والصناعة، غرفة تجارة وصناعة الكويت، جامعة الكويت، وزارة التربية، الإدارة المركزية للإحصاء، الإدارة العامة للجمارك، إدارة المحفقات في الهيئة العامة للبترول، وشركة السحب العالمية. وتبين من الردود أن مخزونات الزئبق في دولة الكويت لا تتجاوز 50 طناً مترقاً ولا يوجد مصدرين اهدادات الزئبق تولد عن 10 أطنان مترية في السنة حسب ردود الجهات الدولية.

3.4. Does the party have excess mercury available from the decommissioning of chlor-alkali facilities?
- Yes
- No
3.5. *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?

☐ Yes, exports to parties
☐ Yes, exports to non-parties
☒ No

Additional information if needed

3.6. Has the party allowed the import of mercury from a non-party?

☐ No
☒ Yes
☐ The importing party has relied on paragraph 7 of article 3

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

أردن دولة الكويت لا تصدر مادة الزئبق أو المنتجات المضافة إليها الزئبق.

ART. 4: MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS

4.1. Has the party taken any appropriate measures to not allow the manufacture, import or export of mercury-added products listed in Part I of Annex A of the Convention after the phase-out date specified for those products?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes (implementing paragraph 2 of article 4)

If yes, please provide information on the measures.

تم اتخاذ قرار منع منع بشأن مادة الزئبق ومركباته والمنتجات المحتوية على مادة الزئبق من نوع (1911) المؤرخ في 2/10/2019 في وزارة الصحة، وإذن الوزيرة تم تسجيل المنتجات المحتوية على مادة الزئبق، وكذلك أفادت وزارة الداخلية والبيئة بخصوص توقف توريد المنتجات المحتوية على الزئبق (مصايف الفلوروسنت) من قبل إدارة إتارا الشواعر.

تم تمديد منع تصنيع أو استيراد أو تصدير مادة الزئبق الوردة في ملحق (أ) لكل من الجهات التالية: وزارة الصحة، والبيئة العامة، وسجون الزراعة والثروة السمكية، ووزارة التجارة والصناعة والأنشطة العامة للمجارد، وزراعة الكهرباء والطاقة.

تم عمل استبان خاص بالجزء الأول من ملحق (أ) لمؤسسة البتروزويز الكويتية.

- محليات المصابين بيا الزئبق
- الفواطع والمحلات
- مصايف الفلوروسنت
- المصابيح التي تعمل بالضغط المرتفع لحرق الزئبق لغرض الإدارة الشاملة
- مواد التجفيف المحتوية على الزئبق مادة معد تجاهل منطقة العين
4.3. Has the party taken two or more measures for the mercury-added products listed in Part II of Annex A in accordance with the provisions set out therein?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide information on the measures.

4.4. Has the party taken measures to prevent the incorporation into assembled products of mercury-added products whose manufacture, import and export are not allowed under article 4?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide information on the measures.

4.5. Has the party discouraged the manufacture and the distribution in commerce of mercury-added products not covered by any known use in accordance with article 4, paragraph 6?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide information on the measures.

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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5.1. Are there facilities within the territory of the party that use mercury or mercury compounds for the processes listed in Annex B of the Minamata Convention in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 5 of the Convention?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

5.2. Are measures in place to not allow the use of mercury or mercury compounds in manufacturing processes listed in Part I of Annex B after the phase-out date specified in that Annex for the individual process?

**CHLOR–ALKALI PRODUCTION**

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

**ACETALDEHYDE PRODUCTION IN WHICH MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS ARE USED AS A CATALYST**

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

5.3. Are measures in place to restrict the use of mercury or mercury compounds in the processes listed in Part II of Annex B in accordance with the provisions set out therein?

**VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER PRODUCTION**

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

**SODIUM OR POTASSIUM METHYLATE OR ETHYLATE**

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)
5.4. Is there any use of mercury or mercury compounds in a facility using the manufacturing processes listed in Annex B that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- Yes
- No

5.5. Is there any facility that has been developed using any other manufacturing process in which mercury or mercury compounds are intentionally used that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention?

- Yes
- No

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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▼ ART. 7: ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING

7.1. Have steps been taken to reduce, and where feasible eliminate, the use of mercury and mercury compounds in, and the emissions and releases to the environment of mercury from, artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing subject to article 7 within your territory?

- Yes
- No

- There is no artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing subject to article 7 in which mercury amalgamation is used in the territory

7.2. Has the party determined and notified the secretariat that artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing within its territory is more than insignificant?

- Yes
- No
8.1. Identify any Annex D source categories for which there are new sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as defined in paragraph 2 (c) of article 8.

For each of those source categories describe the measures in place, including the effectiveness of such measures, to implement the requirements of paragraph 4 of article 8.

☐ Coal-fired power plants
☐ Coal-fired industrial boilers
☐ Smelting and roasting processes used in the production of non-ferrous metals
☐ Waste incineration facilities
☐ Cement clinker production facilities

Has the party required the use of best available techniques or best environmental practices (BAT/BEP) to control and where feasible reduce emissions for new sources no later than 5 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Attach relevant documentation

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8.2. Identify any Annex D source categories for which there are existing sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as defined in paragraph 2 (e) of article 8.

For each of those source categories, select and provide details on the measures implemented under paragraph 5 of article 8 and explain the progress that these applied measures have achieved in reducing emissions over time in your territory:

\[\text{COAL–FIRED POWER PLANTS}\]

☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co–benefits for control of mercury emissions
☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

[Measures]
**COAL-FIRED INDUSTRIAL BOILERS**

- A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

**Measures**
(Empty)

**Progress**
(Empty)

**SMELTING AND ROASTING PROCESSES USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF NON-FERROUS METALS**

- A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

**Measures**
(Empty)

**Progress**
(Empty)

**WASTE INCINERATION FACILITIES**

- A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
Have the measures for existing sources under paragraph 5 of article 8 been implemented no later than 10 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- Yes
- No

Please explain

8.3. Has the party prepared an inventory of emissions from relevant sources within 5 years of entry into force of the Convention for it?

- Yes
- No
- Have not been a party for 5 years
8.4. Has the party chosen to establish criteria to identify relevant sources covered within a source category?

- Yes
- No

8.5. Has the party chosen to prepare a national plan setting out the measures to be taken to control emissions from relevant sources and its expected targets, goals and outcomes?

- Yes
- No

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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When was the inventory last updated?
2019-12-12

Please indicate where this inventory is available

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so
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11.2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party’s territory?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ I do not know

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.

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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ART. 12: CONTAMINATED SITES

12.1. Has the party endeavoured to develop strategies for identifying and assessing sites contaminated by mercury or mercury compounds in its territory?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please elaborate

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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ART. 13: FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MECHANISM

13.1. Has the party undertaken to provide, within its capabilities, resources in respect of those national activities that are intended to implement the Convention in accordance with its national policies, priorities, plans and programmes?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please specify
Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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14.2. Supplemental: Has the party received capacity-building or technical assistance pursuant to article 14?

- Yes
- No

Please specify

Please provide comments, if any.

14.3. Has the party promoted and facilitated the development, transfer and diffusion of and access to, up-to-date environmentally sound alternative technologies?

- Yes
- No
- Other

Please specify

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

ART. 16: HEALTH ASPECTS

16.1. Have measures been taken to provide information to the public on exposure to mercury in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 16?

- Yes
- No

Supplemental: If yes, describe the measures that have been taken.

16.2. Have any other measures been taken to protect human health in accordance with article 16?

- Yes
- No

Supplemental: If yes, describe the measures that have been taken.
PART E – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE ARTICLE IN FREE TEXT IF THE PARTY Chooses TO DO SO

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ART. 17: INFORMATION EXCHANGE

17.1. Has the party facilitated the exchange of information referred to in article 17, paragraph 1?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please provide more information, if any

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ART. 18: PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

18.1. Have measures been taken to promote and facilitate the provision to the public of the kinds of information listed in article 18, paragraph 1?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please indicate the measures that have been taken and the effectiveness of those measures

نشر التوعية حول خطورة مادة الزئبق ومركباته على صحة الإنسان.

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ART. 19: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING

19.1. Has the party undertaken any research, development and monitoring in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 19?

☐ Yes
☐ No
If yes, please describe these actions

تم إعداد دراسة قياس مستويات الزئبق ومصادرها المتوقعة في الهواء الجوي بالتعاون مع معهد الكويت للأبحاث العلمية.

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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▼ COMMENTS

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

صعوبة الجرد والمعلومات في بعض الاحيان.
ضرورية وضع بدائل واضحة.
تقوم بعض الدول بتصدير الزئبق ومركباته دون علم مستقبلي في اتفاقية بزل.

▼ SUPPLEMENTAL – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supplemental: Part D: Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

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