

# 2025 FULL REPORTS OF THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

Report submitted on 1 January 2026

\*Questions 8.2, 8.3 and 11.1 amended by Malta on 19 February 2026



## REPORTING PERIOD:

1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024

### ▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

#### 1. Information on the party

**Name of party**

Malta

**Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited**

18 May 2017

**Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party**

16 August 2017

#### 2. Information on the national focal point

**Full name of the institution**

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**Focal Point is submitting the national report**

- Information is submitted by the national focal point
- Information is submitted through the national focal point by the contact officer

### ▼ 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 - primary mercury mining with available data
- Yes - primary mercury mining with no available data
- No

**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 - primary mercury mining with available data
- Yes - primary mercury mining with no available data
- No

**3.3: (A) Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons that are located within its territory?**

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- Yes - with new data\* (also to be selected by parties reporting for the first time)
- Yes - endeavoured and indicates same stocks as reported in the previous report
- No

If the party answered no to the question, please explain.

Malta is a Party of small size. Therefore Malta does not hold individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons.

**3.3: (B) Has the party endeavoured to identify individual sources of mercury-supply-generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory?**

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- Yes - with new data\* (also to be selected by parties reporting for the first time)
- Yes - endeavoured and indicates same stocks as reported in the previous report
- No

If the party answered no to the question, please explain.

Malta, being a party of a limited and small size, does not hold sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year

**3.4: Has the party determined that it has excess mercury available from the decommissioning of chlor-alkali facilities?**

- Yes
- No - has determined it has no excess mercury
- No - has not made a determination

**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 – no export took place

No – consent was not given

### 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

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#### ▼ 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 no, has the party registered for an exemption pursuant to article 6?

Yes

No

### 4.3: (A) Has the party taken two or more measures listed in subparagraphs (i) to (ix) of part II of annex A for the mercury-added products listed in part II of annex A in accordance with the provisions set out therein?

4.3:(A) Has the party taken two or more measures listed in subparagraphs (i) to (ix) of part II of annex A 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.

Under the newly revised regulation, Member MT will have to stop manufacturing, importing and exporting products in accordance with part II of annex A for the mercury-added products listed in part II of annex A in accordance with the provisions.

### 4.3: (B) If the amendment to annex A adopted in decision MC-4/3 has entered into force for the party, has the party (please check the appropriate box below) taken relevant measures:

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Yes

No

Not applicable

**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 for it under article 4?**

- Yes
- No
- No – not applicable (do not have facilities assembling products using mercury-added products)

**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 – no action taken
- No – an assessment of the risks and benefits of the product demonstrates benefits to human health or the environment

**If yes, please provide information on the measures.**

The revised Regulation on Mercury prohibits the last intentional remaining uses of mercury in the EU and contributes to the Zero Pollution objective of a toxic-free environment. It represents a breakthrough in the safeguarding of human health, with clear environmental benefits.

The new rules prohibit the use and export of dental amalgam by 1 January 2025.

Under the revised regulation, Member States (including MT) will have to stop manufacturing, importing and exporting certain categories of mercury-containing lamps (as of 31 December 2025 or 31 December 2026, depending on the lamp category). These will be replaced by alternatives like LEDs, which are less toxic and more energy efficient.

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### **▼ ART. 5: MANUFACTURING PROCESSES IN WHICH MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS ARE USED**

**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
- 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)

### PRODUCTION OF POLYURETHANE USING MERCURY-CONTAINING CATALYSTS

- 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: Has the party discouraged the development of any facility 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 - no action taken
- No - the party demonstrated to the Conference of the Parties the significant environmental and health benefits of the manufacturing process and that there are no technically and economically feasible mercury-free alternatives available providing such benefits.

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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

**7.5: Supplemental: Has the party cooperated with other countries or relevant intergovernmental organizations or other entities to achieve the objective of this article?**

Yes

No

Please provide information

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## Part E – Additional comments on this article

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### ▼ ART. 8: EMISSIONS

**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

**Waste incineration facilities**

The current permit requires periodic monitoring of mercury. Emissions from waste incineration facilities are estimated in the national emissions inventory.

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 (please explain)

**No (please explain)**

In line with BAT on Waste Incineration which was issued through CID 2019/2010, the current permit requires periodic monitoring of mercury.

## 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:

### ▼ 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**

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**Progress**

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### ▼ 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**

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#### ▼ 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

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#### ▼ 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
- 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

In terms of the waste incineration plant mentioned as the Annex D source, the permit is in line with the BAT on Waste Incineration which was published through CID 2019/2010. Mercury emissions are controlled through specific abatement techniques of the flue gas. The permit requires period monitoring of Mercury and compliance with the emission limit value stipulated in the permit. On the national level, mercury emissions are reported annually in Malta's emission inventory submission under the National Emission reduction Commitments Directive (NECD) and Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP).

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#### ▼ CEMENT CLINKER PRODUCTION 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
- 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**

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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

**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

**If yes, when was the inventory last updated?**

1 January 2019

**Please indicate where this inventory is available**

National Emission Inventory

[https://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/nec\\_revised/inventories/](https://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/nec_revised/inventories/)

<https://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/un/clrtap/inventories/>

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**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 this article**

As a clarification to the reply to Q8.5: Malta did not prepare a specific national plan for mercury, however the National Air Pollution Control Programme under the NEC Directive requests Member States to introduce policies and measures to reduce emissions from five main pollutants which do not including Mercury. Nevertheless, there may be co-benefits for the reduction of mercury emissions.

### **▼ ART. 9: RELEASES**

**9.1: Are there, within the party's territory, relevant sources of releases as defined in paragraph 2 (b) of article 9?**

Yes

No

Do not know (please explain)

## 9.2: Has the party established an inventory of releases from relevant sources within 5 years of entry into force of the convention for it?

- Yes
- Relevant sources do not exist in the territory
- Have not been a party for 5 years
- No (please explain)

### Part E – Additional comments on this article

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## ▼ ART. 10: ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND INTERIM STORAGE OF MERCURY, OTHER THAN WASTE MERCURY

### 10.1: Has the party taken measures to ensure that the interim storage of non-waste mercury and mercury compounds intended for a use allowed to a party under the Convention is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner?

- Yes
- No (please explain)
- Do not know (please explain)

#### If no, please explain

In Malta, no significant interim storage of non-waste mercury and mercury compounds takes place.

### Part E – Additional comments on this article

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## ▼ ART. 11: MERCURY WASTES

### 11.1: Have measures outlined in article 11, paragraph 3, been implemented for the party's mercury waste?

- Yes
- No
- Yes – the party has taken measures so that mercury waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner

#### Please describe measure and effectiveness of measures

Similar information in first full report.

- Yes – the party has taken measures so that mercury waste is recovered, recycled, reclaimed or directly re-used for a use allowed to a party under the Convention or for environmentally sound disposal pursuant to paragraph 3 (a)

#### Please describe measure and effectiveness of measures

Similar information in first full report.

- Yes – the party has taken measures so that mercury waste is not transported across international boundaries except for the purpose of environmentally sound disposal

#### Please describe measure and effectiveness of measures

Similar information in first full report.

If the party answered yes to any measures above, please describe the measures implemented pursuant to paragraph 3, and please also describe the effectiveness of those measures. Similar information in first full report.

**11.2: \*Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory?**

- Yes
- No
- Do not know (please explain)

**Part E – Additional comments on this article**

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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**

Land testing as part of development of potentially contaminated sites and for which material would require characterisation as part of its excavation and disposal.

Furthermore, the environmental permitting process of facilities falling within scope of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IPPC) requires certain sites to carry out a preliminary risk assessment based on which, a baseline report would be required. Should the operations of a site or historical information, indicate that mercury is/was being used or stored, mercury is included in the analytical suite of heavy metals requested to be monitored by the operators or owners concerned.

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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**

national funds are allocated to oral disease prevention in line with the priorities as set out in the national plan

**13.2: Supplemental: Has the party, within its capabilities, contributed to the mechanism referred to in paragraph 5 of article 13?**

- Yes
- No

**Please provide comments, if any.**

N/A

**13.3: Supplemental: Has the party provided financial resources to assist developing-country parties and/or parties with economies in transition in the implementation of the Convention through other bilateral, regional and multilateral sources or channels?**

Yes

No

Please specify

N/A

Please provide comments, if any.

N/A

**Part E – Additional comments on this article**

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▼ ART. 14: CAPACITY-BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

**14.1: Has the party cooperated to provide capacity-building or technical assistance, pursuant to article 14, to another party to the Convention?**

Yes

No

Please specify

N/A

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

Yes

No

Please specify

N/A

Please provide comments, if any.

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**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

N/A

**Part E – Additional comments on this article**

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▼ 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.**

Alternative dental materials are currently being used in Malta. All dental students have been trained in the use of alternative dental materials and dental amalgam is used only in very limited situations when clinically impossible to use alternative materials.

Public Health campaigns are carried out to educate the public on how to maintain a healthy mouth and reduce their sugar intake to prevent the need of dental fillings.

**16.2: Have any measures been taken to protect human health in accordance with article 16 beyond the provision of information to the public on exposure to mercury (referred to in question 16.1)?**

Yes

No

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

The patients in a clinical setting are also informed on dental amalgam and all clinics as per dental clinic standards and requirements are fitted with a centrifugal amalgamator for any safe disposal of amalgam.

Dentists are also trained in the safe removal of amalgam restorations.

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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

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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, the party may wish to indicate in the space provided below, the measures it has taken to promote and facilitate information to the public, such as:

(a) Provision to the public of available information on:

The effects of mercury and mercury compounds on human health and the environment

Alternatives to mercury and mercury compounds

- The topics identified in paragraph 1 of article 17
- The results of its research, development and monitoring activities under article 19
- Activities to meet its obligations under the Convention

#### Activities to meet its obligations under the Convention

MT has updated the competent authority's website to facilitate the provision to the public of the kinds of information listed in article 18, paragraph 1, in particular;

Prohibiting the export of mercury and mercury compounds, as well as the manufacture, export and import of a large range of mercury-added products (MAPs).

Forbidding the use of mercury or mercury compounds as catalysts and electrodes in industrial processes.

Phasing out the use and banning the export of dental amalgam by 1 January 2025. Member States that require more time to adapt their national healthcare system get a limited and temporary derogation for the use, manufacture, and import of dental amalgam (until 30 June 2026).

Only allowing dental amalgam use, manufacture and import for specific medical needs and when deemed strictly necessary by a medical practitioner.

Prohibiting new uses of mercury in industry and products, except when significant environmental or health benefits are demonstrated and no mercury-free alternatives delivering such benefits are available.

Ensuring that mercury waste is managed without endangering human health or harming the environment.

Banning the manufacture and export of six additional mercury-containing lamps from 31 December 2025 or 31 December 2026 (depending on the lamp type).

**(b) Education, training and public awareness related to the effects of exposure to mercury and mercury compounds on human health and the environment in collaboration with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and vulnerable populations, as appropriate.**

#### Activities to meet its obligations under the Convention

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(Art. 18 (1) (a) and (b))

### Part E – Additional comments on this article

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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

(Art. 19 (1) (a)–(g))

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#### ▼ COMMENTS REGARDING POSSIBLE CHALLENGES IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVENTION

## Part C: Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention

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### ▼ COMMENTS REGARDING THE REPORTING FORMAT AND POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY

#### Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

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