

**Registration of Exemptions for the Products And
Processes Listed in Part I of Annex A**

BANGLADESH

Annex A: Mercury-added products

REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 4		
PARTY: Bangladesh		
The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury is hereby notified of the registration of the following exemption pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 1 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)
Batteries, except for button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 2% and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2%	Import	2025
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	Manufacture, import and export.	2025
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	Manufacture, import and export.	2025
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	Manufacture, import and export.	2025

High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes	Import	2025
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 $\leq 1,500$ mm) with mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp (c) long length ($> 1, 500$ mm) with mercury content exceeding 13 mg per lamp	Manufacture, import and export.	2025
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 available ¹	Manufacture, import and export.	2025
Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics	Manufacture, import and export.	2025
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.	Import	2025
<p>Please attach the explanatory statement on the need for an exemption, one statement per individual product category listed in Part I of Annex A.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; and Information on the level of stocks of the product available nationally. 		

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**The Explanatory Statement on the Need for the Exemption for
Mercury Added Products Category Listed in Part I of Annex A**

Mercury added products are registered for exemption	The explanation of the need for the exemption
<p>Batteries, except for button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content < 2% and button zinc air batteries with a mercury content < 2%</p>	<p>Bangladesh supports the phase out of mercury containing batteries. However, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products. Bangladesh intends to develop applicable strategies in terms of environmental, human and societal aspect to adopt alternatives and phase them out.</p> <p>The Government of people’s Republic of Bangladesh, requests exemption from imports of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting Mercury free alternatives.</p> <p>Bangladesh, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7 may withdraw this exemption in case the phase out becomes possible prior to the expiration date.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Bangladesh supports the phase out of switches and relays with Mercury. However, inventories have showed that the country produces, exports, imports and uses these products. Bangladesh intends to develop applicable strategies in terms of environmental, human and societal aspect, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.</p> <p>The Government of people’s Republic of Bangladesh, requests exemption from produce, export, import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting Mercury free alternatives.</p> <p>Bangladesh, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7 may withdraw this exemption in case the phase out becomes possible prior to the expiration date.</p>
<p>Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner</p>	<p>Bangladesh supports the phase out of Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) with mercury. However, inventories have showed that the country produces, exports, imports and uses these products, Bangladesh intend to develop applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.</p>

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	<p>The Government of people’s Republic of Bangladesh, requests exemption from produce, export, import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting Mercury free alternatives.</p> <p>Bangladesh, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7 may withdraw this exemption in case the phase out becomes possible prior to the expiration date.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Bangladesh supports the phase out of Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) with mercury. However, inventories have showed that the country produces, exports, imports and uses these products, Bangladesh intends to develop applicable strategies in terms of environmental, human and societal aspect to adopt alternatives and phase them out.</p> <p>The Government of people’s Republic of Bangladesh, requests exemption from produce, export, import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting Mercury free alternatives.</p> <p>Bangladesh, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7 may withdraw this exemption in case the phase out becomes possible prior to the expiration date.</p>
<p>High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes</p>	<p>Bangladesh supports the phase out of High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes with mercury. However, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products, Bangladesh intends to develop applicable strategies in terms of environmental, human and societal aspect to adopt alternatives and phase them out.</p> <p>The Government of people’s Republic of Bangladesh, requests exemption from imports of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting Mercury free alternatives.</p> <p>Bangladesh, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7 may withdraw this exemption in case the phase out becomes possible prior to the expiration date.</p>

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<p>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 available</p>	<p>Bangladesh supports the phase out of Cosmetics with mercury. However, inventories have showed that the country produces, exports, imports and uses these products, Bangladesh intends to develop applicable strategies in terms of environmental, human and societal aspect to adopt alternatives and phase them out.</p> <p>The Government of people’s Republic of Bangladesh, requests exemption from produce, export, import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting Mercury free alternatives.</p> <p>Bangladesh, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7 may withdraw this exemption in case the phase out becomes possible prior to the expiration date.</p>
<p>Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics</p>	<p>Bangladesh supports the phase out of Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics with mercury. However, inventories have showed that the country produces, exports, imports and uses these products. Bangladesh intends to develop applicable strategies in terms of environmental, human and societal aspect to adopt alternatives and phase them out.</p>

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