

## Notification for the registered information supplied by Parties that not applied to Article 3, paragraph 8 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Party:

Thailand

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Comprehensive export restrictions in place:

Thailand has classified the elemental mercury as hazardous substances, category 3 under the Hazardous Substances Act 1992. The exporter must obtain the export permit from Department of Industrial Works, Ministry of Industry. The export process is required for exported quantification and country destination as well as identification of interim storage of exported mercury.

Domestic measures in place to ensure environmentally sound management of imported mercury:

Elemental mercury is defined as hazardous substances, category 3 under the Hazardous Substances Act 1992 in order to control and track of all activities including production, import, export, and possession. Therefore, importation has to be registered and approved by Department of Industrial Works, Ministry of Industry. The importer must submit interim storage location map and its storage building plan along with the application to obtain the import permit.

Moreover, Thai government has developed the guidance on environmentally sound interim storage of hazardous substances including mercury under the Notification of the Ministry of Industry, dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, B.E. 2551(1999). The storage of hazardous substances in factory or having in possession must be proceeded stringently as provided in the guidance or international guidance approved by the Department of Industrial Works, Ministry of Industry. This guidance consists of designed criteria of storage site, classification of chemicals and safety storage, best practice for transfer and storage of chemicals including measurement for preventing and reducing human health and environment risks from chemical spills and leaks as well as management of chemical containers and obsoleted chemicals to ensure the environmentally sound interim storage of hazardous substances.

Mercury imports from non-Parties:

Country of origin	Mercury/ Mercury compounds	Imported Quantity (Kg) in 2017-2018		
		2017	2018	Total
Commonwealth of Australia	Mercury (II) chloride	7.60	31.30	38.90
Federal Republic of Germany	Mercury (II) thiocyanate	35.40	-	35.40
	Mercury	4.00	-	4.00
Republic of India	Mercury (II) chloride	5,519.50	2,000.00	7,519.50
	Mercury (II) thiocyanate	0.30	-	0.30
	Mercury (II) oxide	1.20	-	1.20
Republic of Korea	Mercury (II) chloride	5.00	-	5.00
Total		5,573.00	2,031.30	7,604.30

Source: The Department of Industrial Works, Ministry of Industry, Thailand.