



PROGRESS OF THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK FOR THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE MINAMATA CONVENTION (COP-5)

Information related to mercury emissions (releases) – Report date: July 15, 2022

Currently, a group of experts, commissioned for this purpose, is formulating a guide with the Best Environmental Practices and the Best Available Techniques aimed at controlling mercury emissions from relevant point sources. The Convention Secretariat has requested the Parties to send information on regulations and industrial practices related to the issue of emissions and their control, so that it can be evaluated by the group of experts and serve as input for the preparation of the guide.

On the part of Colombia, the country has a series of regulations related to releases and environmental management of different ministries, including the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, you can provide the following information for consultation by the experts of the group of releases:

Normative	Entity that issued	Description of the standard	Link to consult the document (in Spanish)
Law 1658 of 2013	Colombian Congress	Establishes provisions for the commercialization and use of mercury in the different industrial activities of the country and establishes requirements and incentives for the reduction of use and its elimination.	https://www.funcionpublica.gov.co/eva/gestormativo/norma.php?i=53781
Decree 1594 of 1984	Ministry of Health and Ministry of Agriculture	It establishes requirements regarding the quality and uses of water and the control of liquid waste.	https://www.funcionpublica.gov.co/eva/gestormativo/norma.php?i=18617
Decree 351 of 2014	Ministry of Health and Social Protection and Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Regulates the comprehensive management of waste generated in health care services and other related activities	https://www.funcionpublica.gov.co/eva/gestormativo/norma_pdf.php?i=56755



Decree 1886 of 2015	Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Ministry of Labor and Ministry of Mines and Energy	Establishes the Safety Regulations for Underground Mining Works	https://www.funcionpublica.gov.co/eva/gestormativo/norma_pdf.php?i=65325
Decree 1496 of 2018	Ministry of Labor	Adopts the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemical Products in Colombia and dictates provisions on chemical safety	http://es.presidencia.gov.co/normativa/normativa/DECRETO%201496%20DEL%2006%20DE%20AGOSTO%20DE%202018.pdf
Resolution 2189 of 1974	Colombian Agricultural Institute - ICA	Cancels the records of fungicidal products of use agricultural products based on mercury compounds	Not available in electronic file.
Resolution 2400 of 1979	Ministry of Labor and Social Security	Establishes provisions on housing, hygiene and safety in work establishments. It includes the adoption of measures for the handling and storage of chemical products in workplaces.	https://www.ilo.org/dyn/travail/docs/1509/industrial%20safety%20statute.pdf
Resolution 2115 of 2007	Ministry of Health and Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development	Establishes characteristics, basic instruments and frequencies of the control and surveillance system for the quality of water for human consumption	https://www.minsalud.gov.co/sites/rid/Lists/BibliotecaDigital/RIDE/DE/DIJ/Resoluci%C3%B3n_2115_de_2007.pdf
Resolution 1297 of 2010	Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development	Establishes the Selective Collection Systems and Environmental Management of Waste Batteries and/or Accumulators	https://www.minambiente.gov.co/documento-entidad/resolucion-1297-de-2010/
Resolution 1511 of 2010	Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development	Selective Collection Systems and Environmental Management of Light Bulb Waste	https://www.minambiente.gov.co/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Resolucion-1511-de-2010.pdf



Resolution 631 of 2015	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	establishes the parameters and maximum permissible limit values in point discharges to bodies of surface water and to public sewage systems	https://www.icbf.gov.co/cargas/avance/docs/resolucion_minambientes_0631_2015.htm
Resolution 312 of 2019	Ministry of Labor	Defines the Minimum Standards of the Occupational Health and Safety Management System SG-SST, for different activities.	https://www.mintrabajo.gov.co/documentos/20147/59995826/Resolucion+0312-2019-+Estandares+minimos+del+Sistema+de+la+Seguridad+y+Salud.pdf