Information provided by Uganda, USA

1. Category of mercury-added product	Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics
2. Further description of the product	
3. Information on the use of the product	• There are no mercury containing biocides and pesticides in use in Uganda as revealed in the National Minamata Initial Assessments report, 2018. • There are no mercury containing pharmaceuticals for human and veterinary uses in Uganda as revealed in the National Minamata Initial Assessments report, 2018. • Mercury is not registered in the United States for sale and distribution as a pesticide. By 1995, all U.S. registrations for mercury-containing pesticides, including for use as a preservative in paint (e.g., as a biocide), were cancelled. It is therefore unlawful to sell or distribute such a product in the United States. In addition, U.S. EPA's 2020 Mercury Inventory Report does not indicate any production, use, import, or export of mercury as a pesticide, which is also consistent with the outcome of the review of U.S. pesticide production reports for mercury pesticides being produced for export.
4. Information on the availability of mercury-free (or less-mercury) alternatives	*Mercury free Biocides & Pesticides* • Biocides & pesticides without mercury include carbamates, organophosphates, pyrethroids • Biological pesticides *Mercury free topical antiseptics* • Herbal and natural-product antiseptics • Topical antiseptics with active ingredients** like alcohol, benzalkonium chloride, chloroxylenol, Polyvidone iodine, etc. (mercury-free) • Medicated soaps and surface-active agents (mercury-free)
5.(i) Information on the technical feasibility of alternatives	Alternatives are already in use
5.(ii) Information on the economic feasibility of alternatives	• The alternatives usually cost higher than the more toxic ones • Alternatives are mainly imported, hence transferring taxation costs to the consumer

6. Information on environmental and health risks and benefits of alternatives	NA
7. If any, additional information being submitted on mercury-added products pursuant to Article 4.4 of the Convention not addressed above (e.g. manufacture, general trade information, etc.)	NA
8. Other relevant information pursuant to Decision MC-3/1	NA
9. References	➢ Developing National Strategies for Phasing Out Mercury Containing Thermometers and Sphygmomanometers in Health Care, Including in the Context of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, World Health Organization, 2015. Available at http://www.who.int/ipcs/assessment/public_health/WHOGuidanceReportonMercury2015.pdf?ua= ➢ UNEP (2013): Minamata Convention on Mercury. Available at http://www.mercuryconvention.org ➢ Minamata Initial Assessments report, 2018 ➢ Mercury Learn - HS codes (2015); COMTRADE database