



Annex A: Mercury-Added Products

REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 4

PARTY: CANADA

The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention is hereby notified of the registration of the following exemption pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 6 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%	-	
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	-	
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	-	
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 of: (a) triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp	
High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes	-	
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 ≤ 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 of CCFLs & EEFLs: (a) short length (≤ 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 3.5 mg per lamp (b) medium length (> 500 mm and ≤ 1 500 mm) with mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp	



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	-	
Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics	-	
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.	-	

Please attach the explanatory statement on the need for an exemption, one statement per individual product category listed in Part I of Annex A.

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:

- 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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¹ The intention is not to cover cosmetics, soaps or creams with trace contaminants of mercury.



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Canada provides the following statement explaining the need for the exemptions for the products indicated in Annex A:

In 2014, the Government of Canada enacted the *Products Containing Mercury Regulations* (the Regulations), which prohibit the import and manufacture of most products containing mercury and address all of the products regulated except for the mercury content limits in three categories of lamps: linear fluorescent lamps, cold cathode fluorescent lamps, and external electrode fluorescent lamps. Canada plans to make minor amendments to the *Products Containing Mercury Regulations* (the Regulations), in order to adjust the mercury content limits to bring them in line with the requirements in the Convention. These regulatory amendments will include the opportunity for domestic consultations.

Canada is registering for the five year exemption past the phase-out date to 2025 for the three specific lamp categories to allow Canada to remain in compliance with the treaty in the event that the regulatory amendments are not in force by 2020. Canada may, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, withdraw this exemption if the regulatory amendments enter into force before 2025.