

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM THE EU ON A THRESHOLD FOR WASTE CONTAMINATED WITH MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS

By means of Decision MC-4/6 (*Mercury waste thresholds*), Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (hereafter, 'the Convention') agreed to extend the mandate of the group of technical experts to carry out intersessional work between the fourth and fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with the goal of recommending and facilitating a decision on waste contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

With a view to contributing to the discussions within the group of technical expert, the European Union is pleased to provide a written submission (in Annex) to the Secretariat of the Convention, containing a 2019 peer-reviewed publication from M. P. HENNEBERT (expert from the French National Institute for Industrial Environment and Risks - INERIS)¹, explaining the rationale supporting the establishment of a threshold of 25 mg mercury/kg of waste (25 ppm or 0.0025%) for waste contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds.

¹ *Proposition of threshold for waste contaminated with mercury (compounds) in application of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and Impact Assessment*, Pierre Hennebert, DETRITUS / Volume 06 – 2019, pp. 25-31. Publication is also available electronically: <https://doi.org/10.31025/2611-4135/2019.13822>