

## DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIENCE WITH THE USE OF VOLUNTARY CUSTOM CODES

COP-3 Decision MC-3/3 invited the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership–Mercury in Products Area, as well as relevant experts, to cooperate in drafting a guidance document on the use of customs codes for monitoring the import and export of mercury-added products. A draft version of the report developed under Decision MC-3/3 was made available on the Convention website in June 2021 and invited parties and others to provide comments.

The final report prepared for COP consideration is [available here](#) (COP.4/27). The report describes the use of customs codes for monitoring and controlling the import and export of mercury-added products pursuant to Article 4 of the Minamata Convention. The document builds on the previous report (submitted to COP-3), and, pursuant to the discussion of the Parties at COP-3, proposes a mechanism, once finalized, for countries wishing to use common customs codes for the implementation of Article 4 of the Convention. Considering relevant product descriptions, the 2021 report proposes ten-digit customs nomenclature codes for Annex A products in cases where none had been indicated by Parties. The overarching goal of this initiative, if implemented, is to help facilitate the phase-out of the mercury-added products listed in Part 1 of Annex A of the Convention.

### LIST OF SPEAKERS

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