NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry for the EnvironmentEnvironment House 23 Kate Sheppard Place Thorndon 6011 WellingtonNew Zealand **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** Standards New ZealandPh +64 4 498 5990wto@standards.co.nz [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** All mercury-added products listed in Part I of Annex A of the Minamata Convention on Mercury for new use substances. Products in scope are: * Batteries, except:- Button zinc silver oxide batteries with a mercury content <2% - Button zinc air batteries with a mercury content <2%
* Switches and relays, except:- Very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridges - High frequency radio frequency switches and relays in monitoring and control instruments with a maximum mercury content of 20mg per bridge, switch or relay
* Lamps containing specified quantities of mercury- Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are <= 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 2.5 mg per lamp and > 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp - Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes:  - Triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp - Halophosphate phosphor <= 40 watts with a mercury content exceeding 10 mg per lamp - High pressure mercury vapour lamps for general lighting purposes - Cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps
* Cosmetics
* Pesticides, biocides, topical antiseptics
* Non-electronic measuring devices (barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers, sphygmomanometers)
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| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Managing the trade in mercury and mercury products: New Zealand's approach to ratifying the Minamata Convention on Mercury (31 page(s), in English)<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/minamata-convention-consultation.pdf>  |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** We propose to:* Amend regulations under the Import and Export (Restrictions) Act 1988 to ban the import and export of specific mercury-containing products.
* Create new regulations under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 to ban the manufacture and sale of certain mercury-containing products in New Zealand.

These changes, along with other domestic law changes, are expected to bring New Zealand's regulations into line with the Minamata Convention on Mercury. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** These changes are required to meet the ratification requirements of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which seeks to address the global threat to human health and the environment posed by human-made mercury |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** * <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/minamata-convention-consultation.pdf>
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| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** April 2021**Proposed date of entry into force:** October 2021 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 15 September 2020 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** minamata@mfe.govt.nz <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/minamata-convention-consultation.pdf> |