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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Prohibition on supply of regulated mercury-added product**

The Minamata Convention on Mercury (“the Convention”) has come into effect on 16 August 2017, with the aim to protect human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds. The People’s Republic of China (“China”) became a Party to the Convention and the Convention also applies to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“the HKSAR”).

2. To comply with the international obligations of the Convention and protect public health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds, the HKSAR Government introduced the Mercury Control Ordinance (“the Ordinance”) in 2021, which was passed by the Legislative Council and then came into operation on 1 December 2021. The Ordinance regulates matters including the import, export, keeping and use of mercury, mercury mixtures and mercury compounds, as well as the import, export and manufacture of mercury-added products. The provisions on prohibiting the sale or supply of regulated mercury-added products will take effect on the third anniversary of the commencement date of the Ordinance (i.e. 1 December 2024).

3. Regarding the list of regulated mercury-added products, please refer to the enclosure or the Environmental Protection Department website:

[https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/international\\_conventions/mercury/mco.html](https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/international_conventions/mercury/mco.html)

4. Starting from **1 December 2024**, a person must not supply regulated mercury-added products with or without payment, including exhibiting or selling through the Internet or a similar electronic network. Nevertheless, the storage or use of regulated mercury-added products does not constitute an offence. Please convey the content of this letter to your suppliers, the members of your association, or other related companies that may be supplying or storing the mercury-added products concerned.

5. Should you have any enquiries about this issue, please contact our Mr Victor Leung at 2835 1230 or email to [mercury@epd.gov.hk](mailto:mercury@epd.gov.hk).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derek".

(Derek Wong)  
for Director of Environmental Protection

Encl.

List of regulated mercury-added products and Leaflet

## Regulated Mercury-added Products

Item	Description of mercury-added products
1.	Battery, other than— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) button zinc silver oxide battery having a mercury content of less than 2% by weight; or</li> <li>(b) button zinc air battery having a mercury content of less than 2% by weight.</li> </ul>
2.	Switch and relay, other than— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridge having a mercury content not exceeding 20 mg per bridge; or</li> <li>(b) high frequency radio frequency switch and relay, having a mercury content not exceeding 20 mg per switch or relay, in a monitoring and control instrument.</li> </ul>
3.	Compact fluorescent lamp for general lighting that— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) has a power output not exceeding 30 W; and</li> <li>(b) has a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp.</li> </ul>
4.	Linear fluorescent lamp for general lighting— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that—               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) is made of triband phosphor;</li> <li>(ii) has a power output of less than 60 W; and</li> <li>(iii) has a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) that—               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) is made of halophosphate phosphor;</li> <li>(ii) has a power output not exceeding 40 W; and</li> <li>(iii) has a mercury content exceeding 10 mg per lamp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.	High pressure mercury vapour lamp for general lighting.
6.	Cold cathode fluorescent lamp, and external electrode fluorescent lamp, for electronic display— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) that—               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has a length not exceeding 500 mm; and</li> <li>(ii) has a mercury content exceeding 3.5 mg per lamp;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) that—               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has a length exceeding 500 mm but not exceeding 1 500 mm; and</li> <li>(ii) has a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) that—               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has a length exceeding 1 500 mm; and</li> <li>(ii) has a mercury content exceeding 13 mg per lamp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

7.	<p>Cosmetics having a mercury content exceeding 1 ppm—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) including skin lightening soap and cream; and</li> <li>(b) excluding a cosmetic product that is intended by its manufacturer to be applied only in the vicinity of the eyes and— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) that contains mercury as preservative;</li> <li>(ii) for which no effective and safe substitute for preservative is available; and</li> <li>(iii) that has a mercury content not exceeding 70 ppm.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8.	Biocide and topical antiseptic.
9.	<p>The following non-electronic measuring devices—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) barometer;</li> <li>(b) hygrometer;</li> <li>(c) manometer;</li> <li>(d) thermometer;</li> <li>(e) sphygmomanometer,</li> </ul> <p>other than one that is installed in large-scale equipment, or used for high precision measurement, and for which no suitable mercury-free alternative is available in the market.</p>