

Proposed format for the registration of exemptions for the products and processes listed in Part I of Annexes A and B

Annex A: Mercury-added products

REGISTRATION OF EXEMPTION FOR ARTICLE 4

PARTY: BOTSWANA

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%	Import	5 years
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	Import	5 years
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	Import	5 years
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	Import	5 years
High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes	Import	5 years
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	Import	5 years

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	Import	5 years
Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics	Import	5 years
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.	Import	5 years

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.

Explanatory Statement on the Application for the Exemption of the Import of Mercury Containing Batteries

Botswana supports the phase out of mercury added batteries. However, detailed information about the stocks and composition of these batteries will be confirmed during the development of mercury inventories. Botswana intends to make efforts to develop appropriate strategies to adopt available alternatives and phase out mercury added batteries. Due consideration will be given to the environmental, health and socio-economic aspects of transitioning to mercury free batteries.

Therefore, Botswana requests for an exemption to import these products until 2025. A timely transition, in order to adopt mercury free alternative batteries, is anticipated. Botswana will, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.

Explanatory Statement on the Application for the Exemption of the Import of Switches and relays

Botswana supports the phase out of mercury added switches and relays. However, detailed information about the stocks and composition of these products will be confirmed during the development of mercury inventories. Botswana intends to make efforts to develop appropriate strategies to adopt available alternatives and phase out mercury added switches and relays. Due consideration will be given to the environmental, health and socio-economic aspects of transitioning to mercury free alternatives.

Therefore, Botswana requests for an exemption to import these products until 2025. A timely transition, in order to adopt mercury free alternative switches and relays, is anticipated. Botswana will, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.

Explanatory Statement on the Application for the Exemption of the Import of Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)

Botswana supports the phase out of compact fluorescent lamps. However, detailed information about the stocks and composition of the CFLs will be confirmed during the development of mercury inventories. Botswana intends to make efforts to develop appropriate strategies to adopt available alternatives and phase out mercury containing CFLs. Due consideration will be given to the environmental, health and socio-economic aspects of transitioning to mercury free lamps.

Therefore, Botswana requests for an exemption to import these products until 2025. A timely transition, in order to adopt mercury free alternatives, is anticipated. Botswana will, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.

Explanatory Statement on the Application for the Exemption of the Import of Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs)

Botswana supports the phase out of mercury containing linear fluorescent lamps. However, detailed information about the stocks and composition of these batteries will be confirmed during the development of mercury inventories. Botswana intends to make efforts to develop appropriate strategies to adopt available alternatives and phase out mercury containing lamps. Due consideration will be given to the environmental, health and socio-economic aspects of transitioning to mercury free lamps.

Therefore, Botswana requests for an exemption to import these products until 2025. A timely transition, in order to adopt mercury free alternatives, is anticipated. Botswana will, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.

Explanatory Statement on the Application for the Exemption of the Import of High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV)

Botswana supports the phase out of High pressure mercury vapour lamps. However, detailed information about the stocks and composition of these batteries will be confirmed during the development of mercury inventories. Botswana intends to make efforts to develop appropriate strategies to adopt available alternatives and phase out High pressure mercury vapour lamps. Due consideration will be given to the environmental, health and socio-economic aspects of transitioning to mercury free lamps.

Therefore, Botswana requests for an exemption to import these products until 2025. A timely transition, in order to adopt mercury free alternatives, is anticipated. Botswana will, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.

Explanatory Statement on the Application for the Exemption of the Import of cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps (CCFL and EEFL) with mercury

Botswana supports the phase out of mercury containing cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps. However, detailed information about the stocks and composition of these batteries will be confirmed during the development of mercury inventories. Botswana intends to make efforts to develop appropriate strategies to adopt available alternatives and phase out mercury containing cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps. Due consideration will be given to the environmental, health and socio-economic aspects of transitioning to mercury free lamps.

Therefore, Botswana requests for an exemption to import these products until 2025. A timely transition, in order to adopt mercury free alternative lamps, is anticipated. Botswana will, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.

Explanatory Statement on the Application for the Exemption of the Import of barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers and sphygmomanometers

Botswana supports the phase out of mercury containing barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers and sphygmomanometers. However, detailed information about the stocks and composition of these products will be confirmed during the development of mercury

inventories. Botswana intends to make efforts to develop appropriate strategies to adopt available alternatives and phase out mercury containing barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers and sphygmomanometers. Due consideration will be given to the environmental, health and socio-economic aspects of transitioning to mercury free products.

Therefore, Botswana requests for an exemption to import these products until 2025. A timely transition, in order to adopt mercury free alternatives, is anticipated. Botswana will, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 6, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.