

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: LESOTHO		
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) Tri-band 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		
Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics		
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
<p>Please attach the explanatory statement on the need for an exemption, one statement per individual product category listed in Part I of Annex A.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Lesotho supports the phase out of mercury containing batteries, however, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these batteries. Detailed information in terms of stocks and composition cannot be confirmed in relation to the use of these batteries. Lesotho is making efforts to address these data gaps and intends on developing applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase out mercury containing batteries.

Lesotho therefore requests exemption from import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting mercury free alternatives. Lesotho will, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, 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

Lesotho supports the phase out of switches and relays, however, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products. Detailed information in terms of stocks and composition cannot be confirmed in relation to their use. Lesotho is making efforts to address these data gaps and intends on developing applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.

Lesotho therefore requests exemption from import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting mercury free alternatives. Lesotho will, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, 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)

Lesotho supports the phase out of Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), however, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products. Detailed information in terms of stocks and composition cannot be confirmed in relation to their use. Lesotho is making efforts to address these data gaps and intends on developing applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.

Lesotho therefore requests exemption from import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting mercury free alternatives. Lesotho will, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, 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)

Lesotho supports the phase out of linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs), however, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products. Detailed information in terms of stocks and composition cannot be confirmed in relation to their use. Lesotho is making efforts to address these data gaps and intends on developing applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.

Lesotho therefore requests exemption from import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting mercury free alternatives. Lesotho will, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, 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)

Lesotho supports the phase out of High pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV), however, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products. Detailed information in terms of stocks and composition cannot be confirmed in relation to their use. Lesotho is making efforts to address these data gaps and intends on developing applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.

Lesotho therefore requests exemption from import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting mercury free alternatives. Lesotho will, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, 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

Lesotho supports the phase out of cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps (CCFL and EEFL) with mercury, however, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products. Detailed information in terms of stocks and composition cannot be confirmed in relation to their use. Lesotho is making efforts to address these data gaps and intends on developing applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.

Lesotho therefore requests exemption from import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting mercury free alternatives. Lesotho will, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, 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

Lesotho supports the phase out of barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers and sphygmomanometers, however, inventories have showed that the country imports and uses these products. Detailed information in terms of stocks and composition cannot be confirmed in relation to their use. Lesotho is making efforts to address these data gaps and intends on developing applicable strategies in terms of environmental and health consideration as well as socio-economic aspects, to adopt alternatives and phase them out.

Lesotho therefore requests exemption from import of these products to 2025. This application is made in anticipation of having a timely transition while developing phase out strategies with the ultimate goal of adopting mercury free alternatives. Lesotho will, pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 7, withdraw this exemption if that becomes possible prior to its expiration date.