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**Work to prepare for the entry into force of the Minamata
Convention on Mercury and for the first meeting of the
Conference of the Parties: items necessary for the
effective implementation of the Convention upon its entry
into force**

Draft proposal on the format for registering exemptions

Note by the secretariat

1. In paragraph 1 of article 6, the Minamata Convention on Mercury provides that any State or regional economic integration organization may register for one or more exemptions from the phase-out dates listed in Annex A and Annex B by notifying the secretariat in writing either on becoming a party to the Convention or, in the case of any amendment to Annex A or Annex B, no later than the date upon which the applicable amendment enters into force for the party. Any such registration shall be accompanied by a statement explaining the party's need for the exemption.
2. A similar provision for registering exemptions is found in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, which stipulates in its article 4 that "Any State may, on becoming a Party, by means of a notification in writing to the Secretariat, register for one or more types of specific exemptions listed in Annex A or Annex B." The form developed and adopted¹ for registering specific exemptions for the production and use of technical endosulfan and its related isomers under the Stockholm Convention is set out in annex I to the present note.²
3. In annex II to the present note, the secretariat sets out a proposed form for parties to use when registering exemptions from the phase-out dates listed in Annex A and Annex B to the Minamata Convention.
4. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury decided that the intergovernmental negotiating committee should develop, and adopt on a provisional basis pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties, a format for registering for exemptions. An exemption may be registered either for a category listed in Annex A or Annex B or for a subcategory identified by any State or regional economic integration organization.

* UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/INC.6/1.

¹ See decision SC-6/2 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

² Other forms for registering exemptions under the Stockholm Convention have also been developed for the use of chemicals listed in Annex A and for the production and use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS). These forms were also considered in developing the form proposed in annex II.

5. The committee may wish to consider this proposal for the content and adopt it on a provisional basis pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting. This will enable States or regional economic integration organizations to use the form on becoming parties and wishing to register an exemption or exemptions in the period between entry into force of the Convention and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex I

Notification of specific exemptions for production and use for the Stockholm Convention

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC EXEMPTION(S) FOR PRODUCTION AND USE OF TECHNICAL ENDOSULFAN AND ITS RELATED ISOMERS		
PARTY (COUNTRY NAME):		
The Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention is hereby notified of the registration of the following specific exemption(s) pursuant to paragraph 3 of article 4 of the Convention.		
Activity (Please check as required)	Production: <input type="checkbox"/> use: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Specific exemption(s) for use as provided by the Convention: (Multiple selections possible)		
Apple	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/>	
Arhar, gram	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; caterpillars <input type="checkbox"/> ; pea semilooper <input type="checkbox"/> ; pod borer <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bean, cowpea	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; leaf miner <input type="checkbox"/> ; whiteflies <input type="checkbox"/>	
Chilli	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; jassids <input type="checkbox"/>	
Coffee	Berry borer <input type="checkbox"/> ; stem borers <input type="checkbox"/>	
Cotton	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; cotton bollworm <input type="checkbox"/> ; jassids <input type="checkbox"/> ; leaf rollers <input type="checkbox"/> ; pink bollworm <input type="checkbox"/> ; thrips <input type="checkbox"/> ; whiteflies <input type="checkbox"/>	
Eggplant	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; diamondback moth <input type="checkbox"/> ; jassids <input type="checkbox"/> ; shoot and fruit borer <input type="checkbox"/>	
Groundnut	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/>	
Jute	Bihar hairy caterpillar <input type="checkbox"/> ; yellow mite <input type="checkbox"/>	
Maize	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; pink borer <input type="checkbox"/> ; stem borers <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mango	Fruit flies <input type="checkbox"/> ; hoppers <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mustard	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; gall midges <input type="checkbox"/>	
Onion	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; jassids <input type="checkbox"/>	
Okra	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; diamondback moth <input type="checkbox"/> ; jassids <input type="checkbox"/> ; shoot and fruit borer <input type="checkbox"/>	
Potato	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; jassids <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rice	Gall midges <input type="checkbox"/> ; rice hispa <input type="checkbox"/> ; stem borers <input type="checkbox"/> ; white jassid <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tea	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; caterpillars <input type="checkbox"/> ; flushworm <input type="checkbox"/> ; mealybugs <input type="checkbox"/> ; scale insects <input type="checkbox"/> ; smaller green leafhopper <input type="checkbox"/> ; tea geometrid <input type="checkbox"/> ; tea mosquito bug <input type="checkbox"/> ; thrips <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tobacco	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; oriental tobacco budworm <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tomato	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> ; diamondback moth <input type="checkbox"/> ; jassids <input type="checkbox"/> ; leaf miner <input type="checkbox"/> ; shoot and fruit borer <input type="checkbox"/> ; whiteflies <input type="checkbox"/>	
Wheat	Aphids <input type="checkbox"/> pink borer <input type="checkbox"/> ; termites <input type="checkbox"/>	
Duration of the specific exemption(s), if less than five years as provided by the Convention		
Reason(s) for specific exemption		
Remarks		
THIS NOTIFICATION IS SUBMITTED BY:		
Name		
Institution/Department		
Address		
Telephone:	Fax:	E-mail address:
Signature	Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:		
Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) International Environment House 11-13, chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland		Fax: +41 22 917 8098 E-mail: ssc@pops.int

Annex II

Proposed format for the notification of specific exemptions for mercury-added products and processes which use mercury as listed in Annex A and Annex B

NOTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC EXEMPTION(S) FOR MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES WHICH USE MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS			
PARTY (COUNTRY/REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION ORGANIZATION NAME):			
The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention is hereby notified of the registration of the following specific exemption(s) pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 6 of the Convention.			
Mercury added products			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%	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
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	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
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	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
High-pressure mercury vapour lamps (HPMV) for general lighting purposes	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
Mercury in cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFL) and external electrode fluorescent lamps (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	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	

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	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
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.	Manufacture <input type="checkbox"/> Import <input type="checkbox"/> Export <input type="checkbox"/>	Subcategory for which exemption is being registered, if any:	
Reason(s) for specific exemption	<i>Attach document setting out reason for exemption to this form</i>		
Manufacturing processes using mercury or mercury compounds set out in part I of Annex B			
Chlor-alkali production	Use <input type="checkbox"/>		
Acetaldehyde production in which mercury or mercury compounds are used as a catalyst	Use <input type="checkbox"/>		
Reason(s) for specific exemption	<i>Attach document setting out reason for exemption to this form</i>		
Remarks			
THIS NOTIFICATION IS SUBMITTED BY:			
Job title			
Institution/department			
Address			
Telephone:	Fax:	E-mail address:	
Contact name		Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:			
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) International Environment House 11-13, chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland		Fax: +41 22 797 3460 Email: mercury.chemicals@unep.org	