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**Mercury Control Ordinance (Amendment of Schedule 3)
Notice 2025**

(Made by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology under section 77
of the Mercury Control Ordinance (Cap. 640))

Part 1

Preliminary

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Notice comes into operation on 31 December 2025.
- (2) Part 3 comes into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Environment and Ecology by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Mercury Control Ordinance amended

The Mercury Control Ordinance (Cap. 640) is amended as set out in Parts 2 and 3.

Part 2

Amendments to Mercury Control Ordinance

3. Schedule 3 amended (mercury-added products)

(1) Schedule 3, Part 1, item 3, column 2—

Repeal

everything after “lighting”

Substitute

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(a) that—

- (i) is equipped with an integrated ballast; and
- (ii) has a power output not exceeding 30 W; or

(b) that—

- (i) is equipped with a non-integrated ballast;
- (ii) has a power output not exceeding 30 W; and
- (iii) has a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp.”.

(2) Schedule 3, Part 1—

Repeal item 6

Substitute

“6. Cold cathode fluorescent lamp, and external electrode fluorescent lamp, of any length for electronic display.”.

(3) Schedule 3, Part 1, after item 9—

Add

- “10. Strain gauge to be used in a plethysmograph.
11. The following electrical and electronic measuring devices—
- (a) melt pressure transducer;
 - (b) melt pressure transmitter;
 - (c) melt pressure sensor,
- other than one that is installed in a large-scale equipment, or used for high precision measurement, and for which no suitable mercury-free alternative is available in the market.
12. Mercury vacuum pump.
13. Tyre balancer and wheel weight.
14. Photographic film and paper.
15. Propellant for satellites and spacecraft.”.
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Part 3

Amendments to Mercury Control Ordinance as Amended by Part 2

4. Schedule 3 amended (mercury-added products)

(1) Schedule 3, Part 1—

Repeal items 1 and 2

Substitute

“1. Battery.

2. Switch and relay, other than any of the following items that is used for research and development purposes—

- (a) a very high accuracy capacitance and loss measurement bridge that has a mercury content not exceeding 20 mg per bridge;
- (b) a high frequency radio frequency switch and relay that has a mercury content not exceeding 20 mg per switch or relay, in a monitoring and control instrument.”.

(2) Schedule 3, Part 1, item 3, column 2—

Repeal

everything after “lighting”

Substitute

“that—

- (a) is equipped with an integrated ballast; or

(b) is equipped with a non-integrated ballast.”.

- (3) Schedule 3, Part 1, item 4, column 2—

Repeal paragraph (b)

Substitute

“(b) that is made of halophosphate phosphor.”.

- (4) Schedule 3, Part 1—

Repeal item 4

Substitute

“4. Linear fluorescent lamp, and non-linear (including U-bend and circular) fluorescent lamp, for general lighting that—

(a) is made of triband phosphor; or

(b) is made of halophosphate phosphor.”.

- (5) Schedule 3, Part 1, after item 4—

Add

“4A. Non-linear, including U-bend and circular, fluorescent lamp for general lighting that is made of halophosphate phosphor.”.

- (6) Schedule 3, Part 1—

Repeal item 4A.

- (7) Schedule 3, Part 1—

Repeal item 7

Substitute

- “7. Cosmetics, including skin lightening soap and cream, other than—
- (a) a cosmetic product that has unintentional trace quantities of mercury with a mercury content not exceeding 1 ppm; or
 - (b) a cosmetic product that is intended by its manufacturer to be applied only in the vicinity of the eyes and—
 - (i) that contains mercury as preservative;
 - (ii) for which no effective and safe substitute for preservative is available; and
 - (iii) that has a mercury content not exceeding 70 ppm.”.

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Ecology

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Explanatory Note

Amendments to Part I of Annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (*Convention*) were adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth and fifth meetings held in 2022 and 2023 respectively to provide for 16 mercury-added products to be gradually phased out from 2025 to 2027, after which the manufacture, import and export of those products are prohibited.

2. This Notice amends Schedule 3 to the Mercury Control Ordinance (Cap. 640) (*Schedule 3*) by stages so that the 16 mercury-added products become regulated under the Ordinance.
3. Part 2 adds 8 mercury-added products to Part 1 of Schedule 3 to reflect the amendments adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, which will come into operation on 31 December 2025.
4. Part 3 contains provisions to add another 8 mercury-added products to Part 1 of Schedule 3 to reflect the amendments adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, pending commencement after those amendments become applicable to Hong Kong on a later date.