

Reference: C.N.441.2023.TREATIES-XXVII.17 (Depositary Notification)

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY
KUMAMOTO, 10 OCTOBER 2013

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX A ¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

In accordance with paragraphs 3 (b) and 3 (c) and paragraph 4 of article 27 of the Convention, the above-mentioned amendments to Annex A entered into force on 28 September 2023 for all Parties to the Convention, except for those Parties which have made a declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 30 of the Convention and except for China which has submitted a notification of non-acceptance pursuant to paragraph 3 (b) of article 27 with regard to said amendments to Annex A².

Paragraphs 3 (b) and (c) and paragraph 4 of article 22 of the Convention read as follows:

“3. (b) Any Party that is unable to accept an additional annex shall so notify the Depositary, in writing, within one year from the date of communication by the Depositary of the adoption of such annex. The Depositary shall without delay notify all Parties of any such notification received. A Party may at any time notify the Depositary, in writing, that it withdraws a previous notification of non-acceptance in respect of an additional annex, and the annex shall thereupon enter into force for that Party subject to subparagraph (c); and

(c) On the expiry of one year from the date of the communication by the Depositary of the adoption of an additional annex, the annex shall enter into force for all Parties that have not submitted a notification of non-acceptance in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (b).

4. The proposal, adoption and entry into force of amendments to annexes to this Convention shall be subject to the same procedures as for the proposal, adoption and entry into force of additional annexes to the Convention, except that an amendment to an annex shall not enter into force with regard to any Party that has made a declaration with regard to amendment of annexes in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 30, in which case any such amendment shall enter into force for such a Party on the ninetieth day after the date it has deposited with the Depositary its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect to such amendment.”

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.313.2022.TREATIES-XXVII.17 of 28 September 2022 (Amendments to Annex A).

² Refer to depositary notification C.N.280.2023.TREATIES-XXVII.17 of 14 September 2023 (China: Notification under article 27 (3) (b)).

Paragraph 5 of article 30 of the Convention reads as follows:

“5. In its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, any Party may declare that, with regard to it, any amendment to an annex shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.”

5 October 2023

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