

**1. I) Amendments to the Text of and Annexes Other than III and VII to the
1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals**

Geneva, 13 December 2012

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 8 February 2022, in accordance with article 13(3) of the Protocol which reads as follows: "Amendments to the present Protocol and to annexes I, II, IV, V and VI shall be adopted by consensus of the Parties present at a session of the Executive Body, and shall enter into force for the Parties which have accepted them on the ninetieth day after the date on which two thirds of the Parties have deposited with the Depositary their instruments of acceptance thereof. Amendments shall enter into force for any other Party on the ninetieth day after the date on which that Party has deposited its instrument of acceptance thereof".

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| <i>Participant</i> | <i>Acceptance(A)</i> | <i>Participant</i> | <i>Acceptance(A)</i> |
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| Austria | 20 May 2021 A | Lithuania | 22 Jun 2017 A |
| Croatia | 6 Apr 2018 A | Luxembourg..... | 14 May 2015 A |
| Cyprus..... | 9 Jul 2018 A | Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ¹ | 4 Jun 2015 A |
| Czech Republic..... | 22 Nov 2017 A | Norway | 10 Nov 2021 A |
| Denmark | 29 Apr 2016 A | Portugal..... | 13 Sep 2021 A |
| Estonia | 21 May 2018 A | Romania..... | 15 May 2018 A |
| European Union..... | 24 Jun 2016 A | Slovakia | 25 Sep 2017 A |
| Finland..... | 20 Dec 2016 A | Slovenia | 22 Oct 2021 A |
| France | 13 Sep 2021 A | Spain | 19 Mar 2018 A |
| Germany | 22 Sep 2017 A | Sweden..... | 16 Nov 2015 A |
| Hungary | 28 Jul 2023 A | Switzerland | 24 Oct 2017 A |
| Ireland..... | 9 Mar 2021 A | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland..... | 12 Oct 2018 A |
| Latvia..... | 13 Jun 2023 A | United States of America..... | 19 Mar 2015 A |

SWITZERLAND

In accordance with article 15 (3) of the Protocol as amended, Switzerland declares that it does not wish to be bound by the procedure laid out in article 13 (5 *ter*) on the amendment to annexes II, IV, V and VI.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

“The United States hereby declares, pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 3, of the Protocol as amended, that it does not intend to be bound by the procedures set out in Article 13, paragraph 5*ter*, as regards the amendment of annexes II, IV, V, and VI.”

Notes:

¹ For the European part of the Netherlands

