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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

HONG KONG, CHINA

The following notification dated 9 November 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Hong Kong, China.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Hong Kong, China
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Mercury Control Ordinance (Cap. 640)
3	Date of Publication	16 September 2021
4	Date of entry into force	1 December 2021
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/16/P2021091600333.htm?fontSize=1
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[X] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [] No.
7	Type of notification	[X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) [] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/3/HKG/24; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS WORD document. Hong Kong Harmonized System (HKHS) Codes (2021 Edition)/Goods Description: 28054000 / Mercury 28439090/Inorganic or organic compounds of precious metals, nesoi; amalgams of precious metal
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [] Non-Automatic: [X]
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life or health; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e., CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)

¹ It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

² "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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		(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: Territorial Control Office, Environmental Protection Department, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region Address: 34/F Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai Website: www.epd.gov.hk Telephone: 852-28383111 E-Mail: enquiry@epd.gov.hk
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Territorial Control Office, Environmental Protection Department, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region Address: 34/F Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai Website: www.epd.gov.hk Telephone: 852-28383111 E-Mail: enquiry@epd.gov.hk
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	With effect from 1 December 2021, an import permit issued by the Director of Environmental Protection is required for the import of any Part 1 chemical (namely mercury or mercury mixture) under the Mercury Control Ordinance.
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures: <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the official WTO languages)	