NEA/HS/6.6/MEA03

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(Updated 4 Nov 2026 on Annexes A and B)

To: All Hazardous Substance Licence/Permit Holders, Industry Associations, Traders & Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam,

6 MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS TO BE CONTROLLED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT 1999

The National Environment Agency ("NEA") will be controlling an additional 6 mercury-added products, which are used for general lighting purposes, as Hazardous Substances under the Environmental Protection and Management Act 1999 ("EPMA"), and phasing out their import, export, and manufacture in Singapore.

2 Singapore is a party to the Minamata Convention (MC), which aims to protect human health and the environment from man-made emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds. NEA, as the competent authority for the MC, controls mercury-added products listed under the Convention to ensure that international obligations are complied with. Currently, certain mercury-added products used for general lighting purposes[1] have already been phased out under the MC. At the fifth Conference of Parties (COP-5) to the MC in Oct 2023, 6 new mercury-added products were approved by the Parties for phasing out by 1 Jan 2027 (4 products) and 1 Jan 2028 (2 products).

3 With effect from **1 Jan 2027**, the import, export, and manufacture of the following 4 mercury-added products will not be allowed in Singapore. Existing stocks of the controlled mercury-added products imported before **1 Jan 2027** are allowed to be used and sold locally until depletion.

[1] The following fluorescent lamps, for general lighting purposes, are already controlled under the EPMA and phased out: (i) Compact fluorescent lamps with mercury content exceeding 5mg per lamp, (ii) Compact fluorescent lamps with an integrated ballast ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5mg per lamp, (iii) Triband phosphor linear fluorescent lamps <60 watts with mercury content exceeding 5mg per lamp and (iv) Other linear and circular lamps with mercury content exceeding 10mg per lamp

i. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are > 30 watts
ii. Compact fluorescent lamps with a non-integrated ballast (CFL.ni) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner
iii. Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes:
    a. Halophosphate phosphor ≤ 40 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 10 mg per lamp
    b. Halophosphate phosphor > 40 watts
iv. Halophosphate phosphor non-linear lamps (NFLs)(e.g., U-bend and circular) for general lighting purposes

4 With effect from **1 Jan 2028**, the import, export and manufacture of the following mercury-added products will not be allowed in Singapore. Existing stocks of the controlled mercury-added products imported before **1 Jan 2028** are allowed to be used and sold locally until depletion.

i. Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes:
    a. Triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp
    b. Triband phosphor ≥ 60 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp
    c. Triband phosphor ≥ 60 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp
ii. Triband phosphor non-linear fluorescent lamps (NFLs)(e.g., U-bend and circular) for general lighting purposes

Harmonised System ("HS") Codes and Product Codes

5 Starting from **1 Jan 2027**, traders are required to submit the import and export TradeNet permit applications using the appropriate HS Codes and Product Codes listed in Annex A. From **1 Jan 2028**, these Product Codes will be superseded by those in Annex B to account for the additional controls listed under Para 3. All such TradeNet permit applications will be subject to Chemical Control and Management Department's processing and approval. The updated list of HS Codes and Product Codes can be found using the HS/CA Product Code search engine, accessible via https://hscodechecker.gobusiness.gov.sg/.

6 Additionally, the HS Codes and Product Codes for cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps have been revised for greater clarity[2]. The updated codes

[2] Cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps of all lengths for electronic displays are already controlled under the EPMA. Their import and sale for local use have not been allowed since 1 Aug 2025.

are detailed in Annex C.

7 For more information on the control of Hazardous Substances, please visit NEA website at https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/pollution-control/chemical-safety/hazardoussubstances/management-of-hazardous-substances.

8 For further enquiries on the controls, you may send an email to the following officers:

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Annex A *(Updated 4 Nov 2026)*
List of HS Codes and Product Codes: Effective on 1 Jan 2027

S/N	Product	HS Code	HS Description	Product Code	Product Description
1 2	Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are > 30 watts Compact fluorescent lamps with a non-integrated ballast (CFL.ni) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	85393110	Tubes for compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFL213	Mercury in tubes for compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFL314	Tubes for compact Fluorescent hot cathode lamps Excluding ultraviolet lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFL213
		85393130	Compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps with built-in ballast excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFL213	Mercury in compact Fluorescent hot cathode lamps with built-in ballast excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFL314	Compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps with built-in ballast excluding ultraviolet lamps not covered under the product

					description in PCDMFL213
		85393910	Other tubes for compact discharge fluorescent lamps	PCDMFL213	Mercury in other tubes for compact fluorescent lamps
				PCDMFL314	Other tubes for compact fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFL213
3	Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: a. Halophosphate phosphor ≤ 40 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 10 mg per lamp burner b. Halophosphate phosphor > 40 watts	85393120	Other straight tubes for other fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFC212	Mercury in linear fluorescent lamps (exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC213	Mercury in triband phosphor linear fluorescent lamps less than 60 watts (exceeding 5 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC214	Mercury in halophosphate phosphor linear fluorescent lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps (not exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp burner)

				PCDMFC312	Mercury in other linear fluorescent lamps (not exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC313	Mercury in triband phosphor linear fluorescent lamps less than 60 watts (not exceeding 5 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
		85393190	Other discharge fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFC212	Mercury in linear fluorescent lamps (exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC213	Mercury in triband phosphor linear fluorescent lamps less than 60 watts (exceeding 5 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC214	Mercury in halophosphate phosphor linear fluorescent lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps (not exceeding 10

					mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC312	Mercury in other linear fluorescent lamps (not exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC313	Mercury in triband phosphor linear fluorescent lamps less than 60 watts (not exceeding 5 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
4	Halophosphate phosphor non-linear fluorescent lamps (NFLs)(e.g., U-bend and circular) for general lighting purposes	85393190	Other discharge fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFC215	Mercury in halophosphate phosphor non-linear fluorescent lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFC216	Mercury in other non-linear fluorescent lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps (exceeding 10 mg of mercury per lamp burner)
				PCDMFC314	Other non-linear fluorescent lamps not covered under

					the product description in PCDMFC215 excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFC315	Other non-linear fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFC216 excluding ultraviolet lamps

Annex B *(Updated 4 Nov 2026)*
List of HS Codes and Product Codes: Effective on 1 Jan 2028

S/N	Product	HS Code	HS Description	Product Code	Product Description
1 2	Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are > 30 watts Compact fluorescent lamps with a non-integrated ballast (CFL.ni) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	85393110	Tubes for compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFL213	Mercury in tubes for compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFL314	Tubes for compact Fluorescent hot cathode lamps Excluding ultraviolet lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFL213
		85393130	Compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps with built-in ballast excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFL213	Mercury in compact Fluorescent hot cathode lamps with built-in ballast excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFL314	Compact fluorescent hot cathode lamps with built-in ballast excluding ultraviolet lamps not covered under the product

					description in PCDMFL213
		85393910	Other tubes for compact discharge fluorescent lamps	PCDMFL213	Mercury in other tubes for compact fluorescent lamps
				PCDMFL314	Other tubes for compact fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFL213
3	Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: a. Halophosphate phosphor ≤ 40 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 10 mg per lamp burner b. Halophosphate phosphor > 40 watts	85393120	Other straight tubes for other fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFC217	Mercury in linear fluorescent lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFC316	Other linear fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFC217
4	Linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs) for general lighting purposes: a. Triband phosphor < 60 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner b. Triband phosphor ≥ 60 watts with a mercury content not exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner	85393190	Other discharge fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFC217	Mercury in linear fluorescent lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps
				PCDMFC316	Other linear fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFC217

	c. Triband phosphor ≥ 60 watts with a mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp burner				
5	Halophosphate phosphor non-linear fluorescent lamps (NFLs)(e.g., U-bend and circular) for general lighting purposes	85393190	Other discharge fluorescent hot cathode lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps	PCDMFC218	Mercury in non-linear fluorescent lamps excluding ultraviolet lamps
6	Triband phosphor non-linear fluorescent lamps (NFLs)(e.g., U-bend and circular) for general lighting purposes			PCDMFC317	Other non-linear fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMFC218 excluding ultraviolet lamps

Annex C

List of HS Codes and Product Codes: Revision to Currently Controlled Item

Product	HS Code	HS Description	Product Code	Product Description
Cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps of all lengths for electronic displays	85393920	Cold cathode fluorescent lamps (CCFLs) for backlighting of flat panel displays (NMB)	PCDMCL214	Mercury in cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps for electronic display
			PCDMCL314	Cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMCL214
	85393940	Other fluorescent cold cathode lamps (NMB)	PCDMCL214	Mercury in cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps for electronic display
			PCDMCL314	Cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps not covered under the product description in PCDMCL214