

**Amendment of regulations of 1 June 2004 no 922 relating to restrictions on the use of chemicals and other products hazardous to health and the environment (Product regulations).**

Adopted by the Ministry of the Environment on 14 December 2007 pursuant to section 4 of the Product Control Act of 11 June 1979.

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The following changes are made in Regulations of 1 June 2004 no 922 relating to restrictions on the use of chemicals and other products hazardous to health and the environment (Product Regulations):

Changes in § 2-6 shall read:

**§ 2-6. Mercury and Mercury Compounds**

It is prohibited to produce, import, export, sell and use substances on their own or preparations that contain mercury or mercury compounds.

It is prohibited to produce, import, export and sell articles that contain mercury or mercury compounds.

The prohibitions in first and second subsections do not cover mercury that occurs naturally in coal, ore and ore concentrate.

The prohibitions in first and second subsections do not cover packaging, batteries, components in vehicles and electrical and electronic equipment that are regulated in sections 3-11, 3-13 to 3-15 and 3-17 to 3-19 of this regulation.

The prohibition in the first and second subsections do not cover substances, preparations and articles for which the content of mercury or mercury compounds is lower than 0.001 percent by weight.

The prohibition in the first subsection does not cover thiomersal as a preservative in vaccines.

Until 31 December 2010 the prohibition in the first subsection does not apply to:

- a) Amalgam for dental treatment of patients who must be treated under general anaesthesia or who are allergic to ingredients in other dental fillings
- b) Contact material in welding equipment

The prohibition in the second subsection includes thermometers containing mercury that are used for analysis and research purposes.

Until 31 December 2010 the prohibition in the second subsection does not apply to polarographs

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This regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 2008.

**Comment on the regulation**

For all instances where the use of dental filling materials under section 2-6, subsection 7 a) is under consideration, the National Clinical Guideline for the Use of Dental Filling Materials issued by the Directorate for Health and Social Affairs shall be followed.