

Metal Trader for Strategic Metals, Special Metals

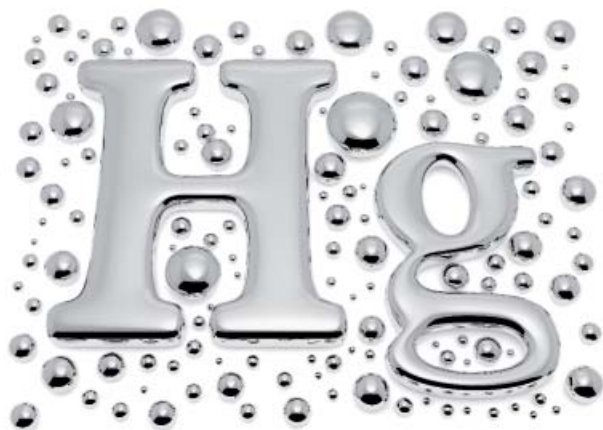
Mercury Here to Stay as a Free Trade Product

The Minamata Convention on Mercury is an international agreement concluded in 2013 targeted at limiting emission of the heavy metal mercury. Its way to international recognition by ratification in at least 50 states has taken more than three years. However, this condition has been met since 18th May 2017 and the agreement has therefore gone into force on 16th August 2017.

Among the key highlights of the Minamata Convention are the prohibition of new mercury mines, phase-out of existing mines and the limitation of mercury use in diverse products and processes. **However, it is generally accepted that there will be so called “allowed uses”, and that mercury will not automatically be considered waste, but remains a clearly defined product.** We are an authorised mercury trader for tightly limited research projects and will carefully audit and document every application we are involved in.

Trading of mercury is now subject to restrictions.

Before buying mercury, we are carefully scrutinising and documenting whether the material originates from a “legal source”. We likewise meticulously check whether a customer's application is considered “allowed use” before we sell mercury. We are following professional routines in purchasing, transport, storage and sales. This offers legal security.



1. What is allowed?

The Minamata Convention allows trading of mercury under certain restrictions.

2. How will our mercury be classified?

The so called “legal sources” from which mercury may be brought into the economic cycle are specified. When trading mercury, we will carefully check whether your mercury can be classified as originating from a “legal source”.

3. Where does the mercury go?

The “allowed uses” are likewise specified in the Minamata Convention. We therefore meticulously check whether a customer's application is considered “allowed use” before we sell mercury. Thus, we are paving clearly defined paths for your mercury in conformity with the Minamata Convention – from source to product.