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**Subject: Phasing out of mercury-added products under the Minamata Convention on Mercury – regarding.**

This is in reference to the letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 received from SMTA regarding prohibition, restriction or regulatory compliance requirements with regard to manufacturing processes of medical devices involving mercury or its compounds.

2. In this regard, it is informed that India ratified the Minamata Convention on Mercury in 2018. As per Article 4 (Mercury-added products) of the Convention, each Party has to ensure the phase out of mercury-added products specified in Part I of Annex A to the Convention by 2020. This also includes thermometers and sphygmomanometers (non-electronic).

3. It may be noted that India had sought an exemption from the timeline of 2020 for phase out of mercury-added products specified in Part I of Annex A to the Convention and the new timeline for phasing out is 2025. In this regard, the application for exemptions of the products listed in Part I of Annex A as well as the exemptions given by the Minamata Secretariat may be accessed at the website of Minamata Convention on Mercury: <https://www.mercuryconvention.org/Countries/Parties/Exemptions/tabid/5967/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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