



# Information on the *Products Containing Mercury Regulations*





If you manufacture, import, or sell products containing mercury, federal regulations may apply to you.

The *Products Containing Mercury Regulations* (the Regulations) **prohibit** the **import** and **manufacture** of all products containing mercury with some exemptions. In some cases, the Regulations also prohibit the sale of certain lamps. The Regulations came into force in 2015 and are part of the Government of Canada's commitment to reducing risks to the environment and human health from mercury found in products.



In 2024, the Regulations were amended to fulfill Canada's international commitments under the *Minamata Convention* and to accelerate transitions to mercury-free products. The amendments, coming into force in June 2025, support *Canada's National Strategy for Lamps Containing Mercury* by including a gradual phase out of the most common types of lamps containing mercury.

## New prohibitions for lamps

New prohibitions for lamps containing mercury used for general lighting will come into force in the coming years. All these lamps can be replaced with light-emitting diode (LED) technology, which is mercury-free, has a longer life and is more energy efficient. A summary of the phase-out dates is presented below:

Lamps	Start of the prohibition for import and manufacture of lamps	Exemption period for the import and manufacture of replacement lamps	Start date for prohibition on selling lamps
 Screw-base compact fluorescent lamp	January 1, 2026	None	None
 Pin-based compact fluorescent lamp	January 1, 2026	From January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027	January 1, 2030
 Straight fluorescent lamp	January 1, 2026	From January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027	January 1, 2030
 Non-linear fluorescent lamp	January 1, 2026	From January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027	January 1, 2030



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 <p>High pressure sodium vapour lamp</p>	January 1, 2029	Starting on January 1, 2029	None
 <p>Metal halide lamp</p>	January 1, 2029	Starting on January 1, 2029	None

## Exempted products

The Regulations continue to have limited exemptions for essential products, such as:

- encapsulated dental amalgam;
- analytical reagent for use in a laboratory; and
- fluorescent lamps used for growing plants, water treatment or air disinfection.

Exempted products must follow **labelling requirements**. It is also good to remember that importers and manufacturers must **submit a report every three years** (see table to the right), and that they must **keep in their records for five years** information regarding these products.

Please consult the [Regulations](#) for the complete list of exemptions, and for product-specific requirements.

Calendar year of data to report	Report due date
2025	March 31, 2026
2027	March 31, 2028
Every third year thereafter (for example 2030)	March 31 <sup>st</sup> of every third year thereafter (for example March 31, 2031)

## What you can do

Read the [documents available](#) for a full understanding of how the Regulations apply to your operations.

Work with your suppliers to ensure that you only import items that meet the regulatory requirements.

Phase out your import, manufacture and sale of prohibited items by the required deadlines.

Lamp collectors, transporters, and processors are encouraged to follow the best practices outlined in the [Code of practice: environmentally sound management of end-of-life lamps containing mercury](#).

Exporters of products containing mercury must follow the requirements of the [Export of Substances on the Export Control List Regulations](#).

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