

Zero pollution: Ban on all remaining intentional uses of mercury in the EU on track to adoption



The July 2023 Commission legislative proposal to revise the Mercury Regulation – by banning all remaining intentional uses of mercury in the EU - has just passed an important milestone in the European Parliament: 1st reading in the EP concluded 17 January 2024, with legislators aiming at a “1st reading” agreement.

To recall, key elements of the proposed ban are

- to extend the existing prohibition to use dental amalgam to include *all members of the population in the Union* as from 1 January 2025 (total phase-out), whilst safeguarding the right of the dental practitioners to still use it when deemed strictly necessary for addressing specific medical needs of the patient, complemented by a prohibition on the manufacturing in the Union and export of dental amalgam as from 1 January 2025;
- to prohibit manufacturing, import and export of additional mercury-added products (mainly lamps).

EWA NEWS provides you links to the Commission legislative proposal, the underlying 2020 Commission report and the recent European Parliament 1st reading decision.