

Ministerial Order on the Storage of Mercury and Mercury Compounds

(Ministerial Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, the Ministry of the Environment, and the Ministry of Defence No. 1 of December 7, 2015)

Under Article 22, paragraph (1) of the Act on Preventing Environmental Pollution of Mercury (Act No. 42 of 2015), this Ministerial Order on the storage of mercury and mercury compounds is established as follows.

(Terms)

Article 1 The terms used in this Ministerial Order is to follow examples of the terms used in the Act on Preventing Environmental Pollution of Mercury (referred below to as "the Act").

(Conditions for a Person Storing Mercury or Mercury Compounds Requiring Reporting)

Article 2 Conditions provided by the Ministerial Order of the competent ministry referred to in Article 22, paragraph (1) of the Act for each of the following mercury and mercury compounds is to be that the maximum quantity of mercury and mercury compounds stored at each place of business in the relevant fiscal year (from April 1 of the relevant year to March 31 of the following year; the same applies below) is equal to or exceeds each quantity provided in that item:

- (i) mercury and its mixtures (including mercury alloys, limited to those with a mercury concentration of 95% or more of total weight): 30 kg;
- (ii) mercury (I) chloride and its mixtures (limited to those with a mercury (I) chloride concentration of 95% or more of total weight): 30 kg;
- (iii) mercury (II) oxide and its mixtures (limited to those with a mercury (II) oxide concentration of 95% or more of total weight): 30 kg;
- (iv) mercury (II) sulfate and its mixtures (limited to those with a mercury (II) sulfate concentration of 95% or more of total weight): 30 kg;
- (v) mercury (II) nitrate, mercury (II) nitrate hydrate, and their mixtures (limited to those with a total mercury (II) nitrate and mercury (II) nitrate hydrate concentration of 95% or more of total weight): 30 kg;

- (vi) mercury sulfide and its mixtures (excluding cinnabars, limited to those with a mercury sulfide concentration of 95% or more of total weight) 30 kg;
- (vii) cinnabar: the quantity of mercury sulfide contained is 30 kg.

(Reporting on Storage)

Article 3 Reporting under Article 22, paragraph (1) of the Act must be made for each place of business every fiscal year, by the end of June of the following year of the relevant fiscal year, by submitting a report using an appended form.

(Reporting Matters)

Article 4 The matters provided by the Ministerial Order of the competent ministry referred to in Article 22, paragraph (1) of the Act is to be the following for the relevant fiscal year:

- (i) the name, address, and in the case of a corporation, the name of the representative;
- (ii) the name and location of the place of business;
- (iii) business related to the storage of mercury and mercury compounds, conducted by a person storing mercury or mercury compounds;
- (iv) the types and quantities of mercury and mercury compounds stored at the beginning of each fiscal year;
- (v) the types and quantities of mercury and mercury compounds manufactured or received;
- (vi) the types and quantities of mercury and mercury compounds that are used, transferred, or categorized as waste under Article 2, paragraph (1) of the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Act (Act No. 137 of 1970) (in the case of being used or transferred, the quantity according to each type of mercury and mercury compounds and its purpose of use or transfer);
- (vii) in the case of making or receiving a transfer, the name and address of the other person, and in the case of a corporation, the name of the representative, and the name and location of the place of business;
- (viii) the purpose of storage, and the types and quantities of mercury and mercury compounds stored at the end of the fiscal year; and
- (ix) measures implemented based on the guidelines provided in Article 21, paragraph (1) of the Act, and other related measures implemented aiming for environmentally appropriate storage of mercury and mercury compounds.

Supplementary Provisions

(Date of Enforcement)

Article 1 This Ministerial Order comes into effect on the date of enforcement of the Act.

(Transitional Measures)

Article 2 For the application of the provisions of Article 4 in the fiscal year when this Ministerial Order comes into effect (referred below to as "the date of enforcement"), the phrase "relevant fiscal year" in that Article is to be replaced by "from the date of enforcement to the end of the fiscal year when this order comes into effect," and the phrase "beginning of the fiscal year" in item (iv) of that Article is to be replaced by "the date of enforcement."