



Consumer products

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Canada releases revised regulations on mercury in products SOR/2024-109

On May 31, 2024, the Canadian official gazette released the revised regulations SOR/2024-109 on mercury in products, which revised SOR/2014-254 on mercury in products. The revised regulations come into effect on May 31, 2025, the first anniversary of its publication in the official gazette. The main revision contents of the revised regulations are as follows:

◆ Not-application of items (l) to (n) of Paragraphs 2:

Item	SOR/2014-254	SOR/2024-109
l	a battery, other than a button cell battery, that has a mercury concentration of 0.0005% or less by weight in homogeneous materials;	a battery that has a mercury concentration of 0.0005% or less by weight;
m	beginning on January 1, 2016, a button cell battery that has a mercury concentration of 0.0005% or less by weight in homogeneous materials;	a measuring device that is imported solely to be displayed in a public exhibition for cultural or historical purposes;
n	from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2019, a button cell battery that is incorporated into a medical device that is intended to remain in the body for at least 30 consecutive days;	n(i) is manufactured in or imported into Canada after December 31, 2025; n(ii) is needed to repair signage or cove lighting that is manufactured in, imported into or installed in Canada before December 31, 2025; n(iii) The total amount of mercury in a cold cathode tube is less than or equal to 100 milligrams.

This revision mainly focuses on battery products. The revised regulations no longer distinguish between button cell battery and non-button battery, and actively remove the concept of "homogeneous materials" in battery. In addition to the Environmental Protection Act, Canada also has regulations on mercury in Consumer Product Safety Act, such as the Toy Regulations SOR/2011-17 and the Surface Coating Materials Regulations SOR/2016-193, which restrict mercury in consumer goods.

Original link: <https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2024/2024-06-19/html/sor-dors109-eng.html>

