

ANNEX

The following point is inserted in Annex I to Directive 76/769/EEC:

19a Mercury CAS No 7439-97-6	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. May not be placed on the market:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) in fever thermometers;(b) in other measuring devices intended for sale to the general public (e.g. manometers, barometers, sphygmomanometers, thermometers other than fever thermometers).2. The restriction in paragraph 1(b) shall not apply to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) measuring devices more than 50 years old on 3 October 2007; or(b) barometers (except barometers within point (a)) until 3 October 2009.3. By 3 October 2009 the Commission shall carry out a review of the availability of reliable safer alternatives that are technically and economically feasible for mercury-containing sphygmomanometers and other measuring devices in healthcare and in other professional and industrial uses. On the basis of this review or as soon as new information on reliable safer alternatives for sphygmomanometers and other measuring devices containing mercury becomes available, the Commission shall, if appropriate, present a legislative proposal to extend the restrictions in paragraph 1 to sphygmomanometers and other measuring devices in healthcare and in other professional and industrial uses, so that mercury in measuring devices is phased out whenever technically and economically feasible.
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