



Implementing the Mercury Strategy COM(2005)20:

Dental amalgam

DG Environment

Two actions out of twenty:

- Action 4: review of the implementation of Community requirements on the treatment of dental amalgam waste
- Action 6: seek a scientific opinion on the use of mercury in dental amalgam with a view to consider whether additional regulatory measures are appropriate

Dental amalgam waste

No complete overview

- Amalgam separators widely installed: 8 MS
- Amalgam separators in new facilities + catch up measures: 7 MS
- Amalgam separators in new facilities only: 2 MS

Work in the Scientific Committees

- SCHER: request for an opinion on the environmental risks and indirect health effects
- SCENIHR: request for an opinion on the safety of dental amalgam and alternative dental restoration materials

Work in the Scientific Committees



- Deliveries: expected end 2007
- Limited data base for SCHER: information on DE, DK, SE only