

**Environmental and Health NGOs' voting recommendations
EU Export ban and safe storage of mercury (Papadimoulis Report)
2nd Plenary vote 21 May 2008**

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Please also consider the justifications provided in the joint NGO letter dated 19 May 2008.

Articles/ Am No	Author	Short Description	Vote	Comments
Block No 1 - compromise 42-44 46-58 60-63	EUL/NGL, EPP-ED, PES, ALDE, UEN, Greens and Mr BLOKLAND	5 March 2011, scope includes cinnabar, calomel, mercury oxide, mixtures, storage above/underground, solifidification considered, information from industry [...]	+	adoption Block No 1 = Block No 2 falls Compromise can be accepted under the circumstances, important loopholes in scope have been closed.
Block No 2 - amendments by the committee responsible 1-5 7-20 22-28 31-36	committee	1 December 2010, export ban scope includes cinnabar, compounds, products, import ban, storage above/underground, solifidification considered, fund for future disposal expenses, information from industry, member states, register [...]	Only if Block 1 is rejected +	Earlier date, wider scope, more information to be provided earlier and funding for safe disposal to be ensured.
Article 2, after § 1 21= 38= 40=	committee EPP-ED PES	Prior to any other alternative to storage, consideration is to be given to Almadén for the safe storage of metallic mercury.	-	If this amendment is adopted, the deal with Council will be broken, and adoption of the regulation will be delayed, with possibility that it gets watered down.
Article 7, § 1 Am. 59	EUL/NGL, EPP-ED, PES, ALDE, UEN, Greens and Mr BLOKLAND	Split Part 1 excluding 'barometers' Exchange of information with stakeholders, by 1/1/2010, including extension of scope, import ban, devel. In solifidification Part 2 word 'barometers'	 + +	adoption 59 = 29 falls Allowing for the export of new mercury barometers is irresponsible. Mercury barometers contain large amounts of one of the most toxic substance known to humankind, and which can spill into the environment, causing contamination and severe health risks. Not including these products in the ban constitutes a loophole in the legislation.

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Article 7, § 1 Am 29	committee	Initial exchange of information by 1/7/2010, with stakeholders to include extension of storage options. Solidification info exch. By 1/7/2009	-	Text of Council Common Position covers a wider scope of issues that will be discussed while reviewing the regulation.
Article 7, after § 1 Am. 30= Am. 41=	committee PES	Exchange of information to analyse results of the consideration given to Almaden as site for safe storage of mercury.	-	If this amendment is adopted, the deal with Council will be broken, and adoption of the regulation will be delayed, with possibility that it gets watered down.
After Recital 3 6= 37= 39=	committee EPP-ED PES	Considering social problems arising from closure of mines in Almadén, compensation measures to be considered.	-	adoption 6, 37, 39 = 45 falls If this amendment is adopted, the deal with Council will be broken, and adoption of the regulation will be delayed, with possibility that it gets watered down.
45	EUL/NGL, EPP-ED, PES, ALDE, UEN, Greens and Mr BLOKLAND	Considering social problems arising from closure of mines, support of projects and other funding to be considered.	+	This amendment covers concerns regarding compensation measures in areas where mercury mines have closed down, including Almaden.

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