

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by Authority of the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992

Customs Act 1901

Therapeutic Goods Act 1989

Minamata Convention on Mercury (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021

The *Minamata Convention on Mercury (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2021* (the Amendment Regulations) make amendments to the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Regulations 1995*, the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958*, *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* and *Therapeutic Goods Regulations 1990* to implement Australia's obligations under Articles 3(6), 3(8), 4(1) and 4(5) of the Minamata Convention on Mercury (Minamata Convention), once that Convention comes into force for Australia.

The details of the Amendment Regulations are set out in the initial Explanatory Statement.

The purpose of this Supplementary Explanatory Statement is to provide additional information on consultation taken in relation to the Amendment Regulations.

Extensive consultation was undertaken in relation to the ratification of the Minamata Convention. The details of this consultation are outlined in the initial Explanatory Statement.

The Amendment Regulations only introduces measures that are necessary for the purposes of Australia ratifying and implementing the Minamata Convention. Therefore, specific public consultation on the Amendment Regulations was not undertaken as the potential impacts of the measures contained in the Amendment Regulations had already been widely consulted on.

The Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Health, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade were consulted during the development of the Amendment Regulations.