

END AMALGAM FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE TO MERCURY AMONG US BY 2021

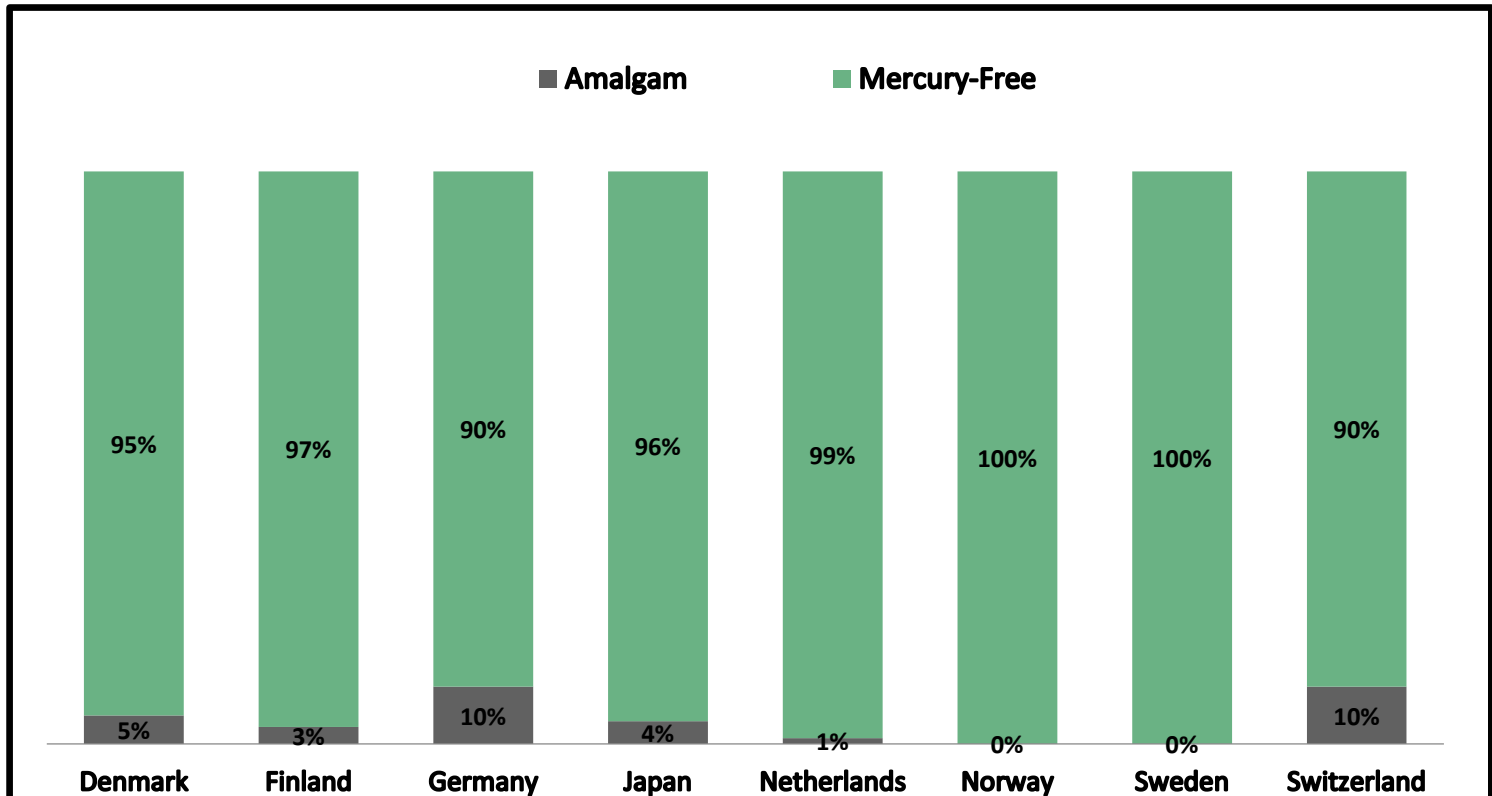


AFRICAN AMENDMENT ON DENTAL AMALGAM:

A proposal to Move Dental Amalgam out of Part II and place it in Part I

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Dental Amalgam _Success stories on phase out in EU



BIO Intelligence Service (2012), Study on the potential for reducing mercury pollution from dental amalgam and batteries, Final report prepared for the European Commission-DG ENV, p.190; Bio Intelligence Service/European Commission, Review of the Community Strategy Concerning Mercury (p.213-14), 4 October 2010; Federal Office for the Environment (Switzerland), Letter (8 August 2011); World Health Organization, Future Use of Materials for Dental Restoration (2011), pp.21, 23; UNEP, Lessons from Countries Phasing Down Dental Amalgam

Dental Amalgam in Africa_A survey

CONTEXT

African Union (AU) (Member States) = 54

The survey questionnaire was sent out to all the FP of chemicals and waste MEAs in Africa

Parties to the MC from Africa to date = 32

Number of countries that returned the filled questionnaire = 16

Dental Amalgam in Africa_A survey



Map showing the Countries that returned their survey Forms

Dental Amalgam in Africa_A survey findings

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PUBLIC DENTAL CLINICS USING ONLY DENTAL AMALGAM	NUMBER OF PUBLIC DENTAL CLINICS USING ONLY MERCURY-FREE ALTERNATIVES	TOTAL PUBLIC CLINICS	PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DENTAL CLINICS USING BOTH AMALGAM AND MERCURY-FREE FILLING MATERIALS	DENTAL CLINICS USING SEPARATOR	OUT OF 100 DENTISTS AWARE OF MERCURY HARM	% OF DENTISTS INFORMING THEIR PATIENTS ON EXPOSURE TO MERCURY IN AMALGAM	COST OF AMALGAM BASED FILLING IN CITY	COST OF AMALGAM BASED FILLING IN RURAL AREAS	COST OF MERCURY-FREE ALTERNATIVES FILLING	COST OF ALTERNATIVES IN CLINICS WITH SEPARATOR
Burundi	150	10	160	50	0	30	30	20	10	50	100
Cameroon	150	100	250	100	0	100	50	50	30	30	100
Comoros	150	10	160	50	0	10	3	10	10	20	100
Congo					0						
Côte d'Ivoire	150	10	160	150	0	80	50	30	10	50	50
Ethiopia	150	100	250	50	0	50	30	20	10	30	150
Gambia					0						
Mauritius_ Dentists	150	300	450	400	0	100	8	30	30	70	150
Nigeria (NDA)	150	500	650	400	0	80	30	20	10	30	50
Senegal	150	50	200	500	0	50	3	20	10	30	50
Botswana	150	150	300	50	0	100	3	50	50		
Zambia	150	500	650	500	0	80	5	30	20	50	150
Gabon	150	10	160	50	0	30	3	100	50	100	100
Madagascar	150	500	650	500	0	80	5	10	10	20	50
Chad		50			0			30	10		
Uganda				100	100	80	8	50	30	100	150
TOTAL	1800	2290	4040	2900	100			480	290	770	1200
AVR								34	21	64	120

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Propositions for the dental amalgam phase out date

2026: 02 countries out of 16

2024: 07 countries out of 16

2022: 06 countries out of 16

NO proposition: 01 country out of 16

Dental Amalgam in Africa_Proposition of Amendment

1. Consensus among the signatories and Parties to the Minamata Convention in Africa about the the amalgam amendment (*Afr Regional Consultation meeting*) as follow:

Part I: Products subject to Article 4, paragraph 1and paragraph 3

Mercury-added products	Date after which the manufacture, import or export of the product shall not be allowed (phase-out date)
Dental amalgam for use in deciduous teeth, children under 15 years, pregnant women, and breastfeeding women.	2021
Dental amalgam, except where no mercury-free alternatives are available.	2024

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