

REGULATION NO. 003/SEMA - 04/11/75

THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, by the power vested in him by Section C of Article 4 of Decree No. 73.030, of 30 October 1973;

In view of the fact that pollution caused by mercury and its compounds is extremely serious due to its consequences for human health and the biotic water communities, especially taking into account the ability of these pollutants to become concentrated in the food chain of aquatic fauna;

In view of the scientific criteria suggested by the Water Quality Criteria of 1972 from the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States, which serves as a world-wide guide for the establishment of regulations;

RESOLVES:

a - Total mercury concentration shall not exceed 0.10 micrograms per liter of water in marine water and 2.0 micrograms per liter of water in public supply sources.

b - Parties responsible for introducing effluent which takes over the aquatic receptor body, although only in restricted areas which are polluted beyond the level established in part a, shall be subject to the penalties provided by the applicable criminal legislation.

c - This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

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