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# Managing Mercury Trade for ASGM Under the Minamata Convention on Mercury



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# Requirements related to Trade and ASGM

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## Trade Obligations under Article 3

- Restrictions on mercury sources permitted for use in ASGM
- Prior informed consent process
- Trade permitted only for:
  - “uses allowed” or
  - environmentally sound interim storage

## ASGM Obligations under Article 7

- Create NAP, including national objectives and reduction targets
- Manage trade and prevent diversion to ASGM

# Criteria For Trade Related to ASGM

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- ✓ Consistent with Convention and National/Local Law
- ✓ NOT from primary mining sources (e.g., Mexico)
- ✓ NOT from “excess” chlor-alkali sources [para 5(b)]
- ✓ Consistent with NAP obligations
  - NOTE: ASGM is only a “use allowed” if consistent with a country’s NAP, including national objectives and reduction targets

# Why Licensing Systems?

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- Not required by the Convention, BUT:
- Licensing provides advantages for Convention compliance:
  - Creates foundation of legal trade system, and a basis of enforcement against illegal trade
  - Makes PIC easier to implement
  - Makes Convention reporting easier
  - Countries can compare import/export license data gathered under PIC to spot problems

# Building a Licensing System

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Legal framework - modification or new framework needed?



Who is current responsible authority?  
Do you need a new one? Who will be  
PIC focal point under Article 17.4?



Who else must be involved in  
decision-making (roles/responsibilities  
under ASGM NAP)?

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# Elements for Trade Control

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## Elements

## Rationale

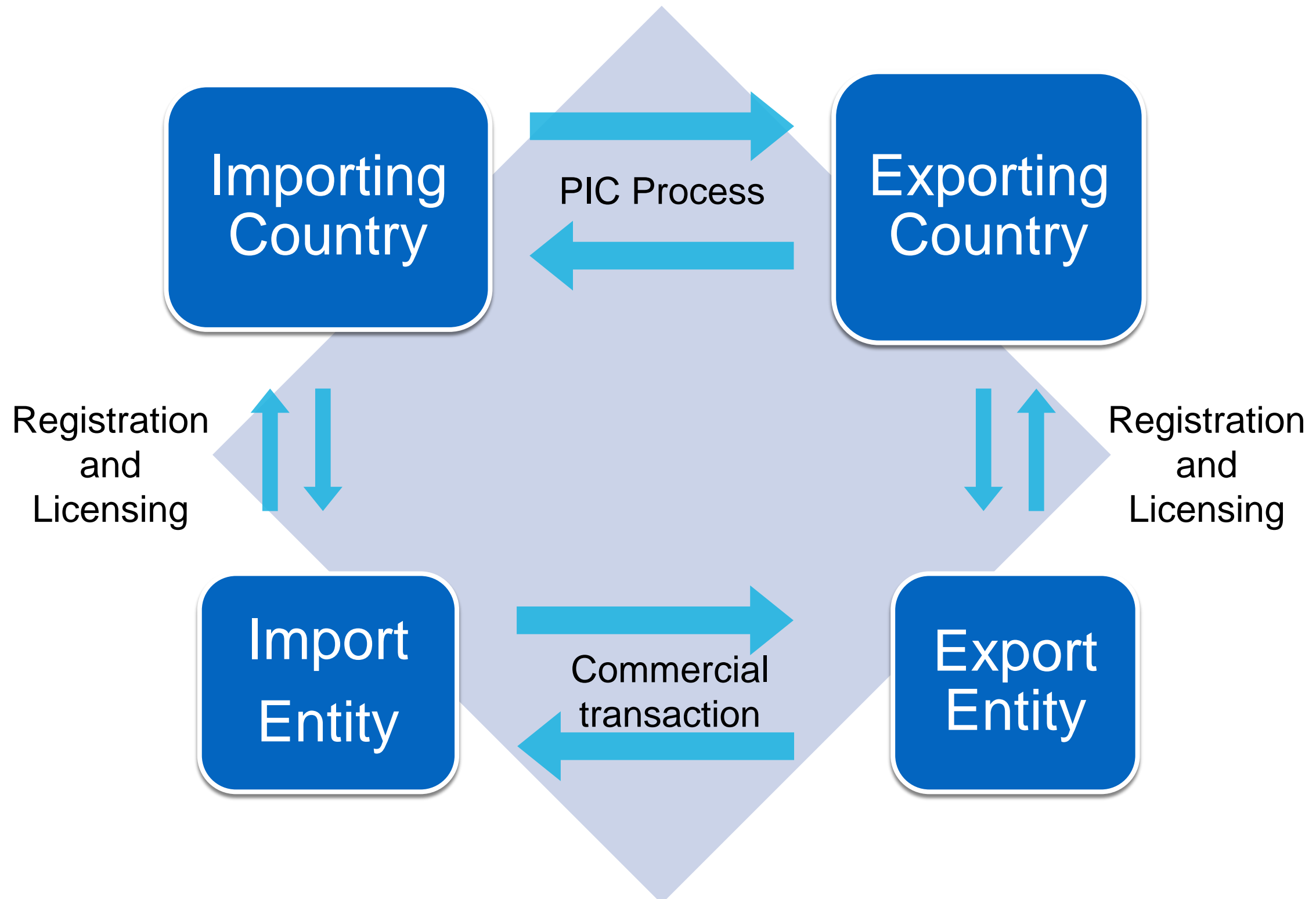
### Registration Process

- Useful to determine legitimacy and to get data from past years

### Shipment License

- PIC procedure on shipment basis
- Criteria for decision-making

# Interaction of Licensing and Prior Informed Consent



# Licensing Process Example: Mateo and Carolina



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