



# NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH OFFICE

Strategic And Operational Planning

Regulation (EU) 2024/1849 (Amalgam phase out)

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**Subject:** Minamata Convention-Regulation (EU) 2024/1849 (Amalgam phase out)

Dear Dr Colleagues,

You will have received the updated Code of Practice from Irish Dental Council which states

***Amending EU Regulation 2024/1849***

*This regulation aims to end the use of dental amalgam in dentistry except in limited circumstances. From 1 January 2025 dental amalgam will be prohibited for use in the EU, except when deemed strictly necessary by the dentist based on the specific medical needs of the patient.*

*The export of dental amalgam is prohibited from 1 January 2025 and the import and manufacture of dental amalgam is prohibited from 1 January 2026. The import and manufacturing of dental amalgam will be allowed beyond that date where it is imported/manufactured to meet these specific medical needs.*

As the DTSS is a publically funded dental treatment scheme, appropriate arrangements must be in place within the DTSS to demonstrate compliance with this legal requirement.

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 dentists who claim for an A3A Amalgam Restoration will be asked to tick a box which states 'I confirm treatment provided is in compliance with EU directive 2017/852 and amendment 2024/1849 relating to Dental Amalgam'. The contractor will also be asked to provide a clinical necessity on the DTSS form to indicate the specific medical needs which justify the use of amalgam.

*Dr Anne O'Neill*