

End of Mercury-containing thermometers

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DoH recommends exchanging them for digital ones

The Public Health Ministry decided to eradicate mercury-based thermometers due to its harmful effects on people and replace them for digital ones, some provided by the Tienda Inglesa Supermarket.

The Minister leaded the act in which she received five thousand digital thermometers and she said the aim of this campaign is to raise awareness among families, who should phase out mercury containing thermometers from their houses and replace them with safer alternatives.

She also said that within the public health sector, only few mercury thermometers will be kept to check the normal functioning of digitals, but they will be away from the patients.

Robin Henderson, the Tienda Inglesa director, announced his company will continue to donate medical devices to the public health system and that next expected donation will be of two ophthalmological equipments.

For now, old thermometers can be delivered in all public heath facilities and Tienda Inglesa stores. The Minister advised not to break them or throw them in the trash bin and said this measure is taken within the frames ratified by Uruguay in the Kyoto Protocol.

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