

# CURRENT STATUS ON CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT IN MALAYSIA

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- 1. Background on Chemical Management in Malaysia
- 2. Strengthening Chemical Management in Malaysia
- 3. Eleventh Malaysia Plan (2016-2020)

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4. Environmentally Hazardous Substances Notification and Registration (EHSNR) Scheme

#### Background

 Many chemical substances and products are currently put into market in Malaysia

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- As a result, there is an uncertainty on types of chemicals used in a wide range of consumer products and other products
- Large percentage of existing chemicals have not been assessed

#### **Background** (cont.)

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- Government is concerned about human and environmental exposure from toxic substances and unregulated chemicals used in a wide range of chemical products
- Continued use of chemicals with inherently dangerous properties such as carcinogens, mutagens and reproductive toxicants and substances dangerous for the environment
- Long term persistence and accumulation of many chemicals in eco-system and humans

# Goals of Chemical Management

Malaysia, as a developed nation by the year 2020, should ensures that chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize the risk and significant adverse impacts on the environment and human health with cross-sector commitment by all stakeholders to coordinated approaches and common principles in the adoption and strengthening of good practices for safe and ecologically sustainable chemicals management.



### DOE premises inventory

#### Petroleum Products & Natural Gas

• 439 premises

#### Chemical and chemical products

- Agricultural chemical: pesticides, fertilizers: 565 premises
- Soap detergent, cosmetics, toiletry preparation: 247 premises
- Industrial Gases: 7 premises
- Oleo-chemicals: 198 premises

#### Rubber products

- Natural Rubber Latex: 106 premises
- Latex Threads (synthetic): 936 premises

#### Plastic resin and products

• 1,936 premises

# Challenge and Gaps

- Legal Framework for Chemical Management there is NOT one legal Act (instead of many and not coordinated) which exist to provide a mandate for sustaining sound chemical management in Malaysia in a holistic and integrated manner
- Institutional Coordination fragmented framework and need to enhance coordination among agencies
  - a) Existing regulations provide chemical management on sectoral basis and are subject to the specific management.
  - b) Each agency have their own legislation and control their chemicals with the specific objectives.
  - c) Overlapping and gaps of some regulation or regulatory scope such as lack of regulation on transportation of chemicals.

# Challenge and Gaps

- Information on Chemicals not adequately collected and compiled to allow for their use in the management of chemicals; e.g. risk assessment
  - a) The industry needs to provide more information about the hazardous properties of the chemicals contained in their products.
- Management of Chemicals some industries, SMI, do not manage chemicals in a safe and sustainable way
  - a) There is no one stop agency that in charge for chemicals notification system in Malaysia.
- Capacity to Manage Chemicals lack of knowledge, skills and manpower to manage the different aspects of chemicals

# Challenge and Gaps (cont.)

- Awareness About Chemicals lack of awareness among stakeholders, particularly the small and medium scale industries, on safe and sustainable way of managing chemicals: consumers, etc
- Financial resources for a sound chemical management to be in place, an adequate funding is essential. This to ensure the strategies and action plan are implemented effectively.

## CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT IN MALAYSIA

#### **Related Legislation and Agencies**

Substance & Jurisdiction	Ministries	Agencies	Legislation
Import, export, sales and trades – Petroleum & petroleum products	Ministry of International Trade and Industries	_	Petroleum (Safety Measures) Act 1984
Import & exports	Ministry of Finance	Royal Malaysian Customs	Customs Act 1967
Industrial Chemicals	Ministry of Human Resources	Department of Safety and Health	Occupational and Safety Health Act 1994
Pharmaceutical, drugs, some consumer products	Ministry of Health	Pharmaceutical Services Division	Poison Act 1952 Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 Food Act 1983

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Pesticides	Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-chemicals	Department of Agriculture	Pesticides Act 1974
Consumers Product	Ministry of Domestic Trade, Co-operative and Consumerism		Consumer Protection Act 1999 (Safety issues not chemical content)
Chemical Weapon (Chemical Weapon Convention)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	-	Chemical Weapon Convention Act 2005
Hazardous Waste (Scheduled Wastes)	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Department of Environment	Environmental Quality Act 1974

# Environmental Quality Act 1974



 In the EQA 1974, chemical defines "environmentally hazardous substances means any natural or artificial substances including any raw material, whether in a solid, semi-solid or liquid form, or in the form of gas or vapour, or in a mixture of at least two of these substances, or any living organism intended for any environmental protection, conservation and control activity, which can cause pollution"

#### Development of National Policy on Chemical Management

9<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan

<sup>10th</sup> Malaysia Plan

<sup>11th</sup> Malaysia Plan

#### Ninth Malaysia Plan

#### (2006-2010):

- Adoption of a global harmonized system for the registration of imports, transportation and a safe handling of chemical and hazardous substances. (MITI)
- Approaches and technologies to treat and convert toxic wastes into a resource for reuse. (DOE)
- Appropriate incentives for the proper management of hazardous chemicals. (CICM)
- Steps to address the indiscriminate use of chemicals, particularly in agricultural practices, will be intensified. (DOA)

#### Tenth Malaysia Plan

#### (2011-2015):

- Government will continue efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of waste management (JPSPN and DOE)
- Increase awareness among public and educate them of the importance to reduce, reuse and recycle of waste (all stakeholders)

#### Eleventh Malaysia Plan (2016-2020):

6 strategies proposed to integrate and strengthen chemical management framework system in Malaysia

## DOE ROLES IN TRANSFORMATIVE OF CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT IN MALAYSIA





# Local Action by DOE

- Preliminary drafting of EHS regulations framework
- Merging platform for database system between EHSNR (DOE) and CIMS (DOSH)
- Review guidance document on EHS Notification and Registration Scheme
- Awareness and Hands on Training for industries
- Enhancement of the EHS website



## **International Participation**

- <u>Basel Convention</u>:
  - ratified on 8<sup>th</sup> October 1993
  - DOE Malaysia is designated as the competent authority
  - Export / import through Customs shall be accompanied by a permit issued by DOE
- <u>Ban Amendment to the Basel Convention</u>:
   ratified on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2001
- <u>Rotterdam Convention</u>
  - ratified on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2002
  - DOE Malaysia and Pesticides Board Malaysia are the two Designated National Authorities (DNAs)
  - DOE for Industrial Chemicals
  - Pesticides Board for Pesticides

## **International Participation**

- Stockholm Convention
  - signatory since 16<sup>th</sup> May 2002
  - Malaysia has restricted the usage of most POPs that are listed in the convention
- <u>Chemical Weapon Convention</u>
  - signatory on January 1993 and ratified on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2000
  - Malaysia has prohibit the development, production, stockpiling and usage of chemical weapons
- Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on Legally Binding
   Instrument <u>Minamata Convention on Mercury</u>
  - active involvement in the INC meeting
  - currently prepare for legal domestic framework among the stakeholders before signing the convention

## Study on Chemical Management in Malaysia National Plan

2003 -2008

2009

2014

2015

Study by Danish and Malaysia Government Cooperation Programme (DANIDA) regarding Strategy & Action Plan for Chemical Management in Malaysia

Establishment of Environmentally Hazardous Substances Notification and Registration (EHSNR) Scheme Study on Chemicals Risk Assessment for Environment that Equivalent to Global Practices Study on new Chemicals Management Act 201X framework

# NoAction Plan1To carry out feasibility study on a new Chemicals<br/>Management Act framework to fill out the gaps in Malaysian<br/>chemical management. The Act shall establish link to<br/>legislation from relevant agencies that involved in chemical<br/>management.2To correct out a feasibility study for the establish ment of

 To carry out a feasibility study for the establishment of National Chemical Management Board/Commission

No	Action Plan
3	<ol> <li>To establish National Chemical Inventory e.g. the quantity and the usage of chemicals</li> <li>Streamline existing agencies database system</li> </ol>
	infrastructure (interface link)
4	1) Conduct and report on risk assessment of priority chemicals based on targeted volumes, risks and use related information
	2) Develop risk management measures to mitigate risk of exposure including the phase out of hazardous substances

#### No

#### **Action Plan**

 5 1) Develop training modules on life cycle management of chemicals for stakeholders to improve management efficiency e.g. modules to be included in training schedules

2) Conduct training, workshops and seminars to built capacity on topics include toxicology, hazard assessment, exposure assessment and risk assessment

3) To identify, enhance and expand the scope of the existing testing facilities

4) In preparation and ratification of Stockholm and Minamata Convention

No	Action Plan
6	1) Develop plan for cross sectoral training, workshops and seminar in good chemical management.
	2) Conduct an active dialogues between chemical industries and government regulatory bodies to create awareness.
	3) Develop syllabus for education in school and universities on chemical management.
	4) Organize events such as seminars and exhibitions to promote awareness and education on hazardous substances.
	5) Develop incentives and economic packages to encourage industry's participation.

#### EHS NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION SCHEME

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- to provide the necessary information to the Malaysian Government so as to enable the DOE and other agencies involved in chemicals management
- to identify substances of concern in the country and make decisions on how to manage these substances in a safe and sound manner
- Based on the information submitted by industry, the Department of Environment (DOE) will establish a Malaysian EHS Register

## EHS Notification and Registration Scheme

#### EHSNR database as of 30 June 2015:

No. of chemical company registered to date	• 459
No. of sector/category of industry	• 18
No. of notifications by industry into system	• 2,743
No. of EHS officially register	• 511
No. of EHS required Detailed Notification	• 250
No. of EHS register by oversea supplier	• 19



#### **Benefit of Scheme**

• There is sufficient information available on the EHS imported into or manufactured in Malaysia (Malaysian EHS Register) so as to be able to identify priority substances and enable protection of people and the environment from the possible harmful effects of these substances

 It provides a mechanism for identifying, evaluating and controlling of EHS

#### **Benefit of Scheme**

- It helps the industry in identifying likely data gaps which are required for GHS classification of substances and compliance with DOSH regulations.
- The scheme provides input for the risk assessment of EHS and thereby a means of anticipating potential problems and facilitate the implementation of timely and appropriate control measures for specific EHS.

## **STRATEGY AND ACTION PLANS FOR EHS MANAGEMENT IN MALAYSIA Objective** to collect information from industry about the hazardous substances (EHS) that are on the Malaysian market How?? Introducing a notification requirement for such substances manufactured in or imported to Malaysia Proposed Activities Malaysia establish an EHS Notification and **Registration Scheme**

#### Identification and evaluation scheme for EHS



#### **Scope of EHSNR Scheme**

The notification requirement does not apply to substances for which information is already submitted to government agencies in Malaysia by means of other legislations, unless the substance is also used for other purposes not covered by Pesticides, Poisons and Chemicals Weapons Convention Acts

#### **Reference:**

 Guidance For The Industry on The Environmentally Hazardous Substances Notification & Registration (EHSNR) Scheme in Malaysia

# DOE WEBSITE (www.doe.gov.my)



## EHSNR system (https://www.e-ehs.doe.gov.my)

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EHS News and Announcement



#### **The Notification Process**



• The notification for detailed is to be done <u>once only</u> unless new information that change the hazard classification are available for notification

The notification to be done online at www.doe.gov.my

## **The Notification Process** - Basic Notification



The Notification of EHS to DOE by chemical industries shall be done in two stages:

1) Basic Notification

A basic notification of EHS must first be made by all manufacturers and importers

The data required are:

- Substance identification
- Annual tonnage in metric tons
- Use of the substance
- Concentration interval of substance in raw materials or finished products (maximum and minimum concentration)
- Country of import

## The Notification Process - <u>Detailed</u> Notification

2) Detailed Notification

- A follow-up detailed notification is also required, if the EHS is not in the EHS Reference List
- Detailed Notification of EHS: In addition to basic data, the following are also required:
  - Upload of MSDS
  - Data on substance identification
  - Data on physico-chemical properties
  - Data on physical hazards
  - · Data on hazards to human health
  - · Data on hazards to aquatic environment
  - Overall GHS Classification

## Way Forwards on Chemical Management in Malaysia

- 1. Development of regulations on chemicals used (except pesticides used in homes)
- 2. Additional capacity buildings in management of chemicals, and particularly to the use of risk assessment as a chemicals management tool
- 3. Increased awareness of chemicals management issues among stakeholders.
- 4. Database and information of hazardous chemicals in Malaysia to be made available
- 5. Identification and assessment of risks posed by chemicals
- 6. Strengthening and Improving International Cooperation in Chemicals

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