

Public Seminar on the Latest Trends in Chemical Management in China and Korea

## Latest Progress of Chemicals Management in China

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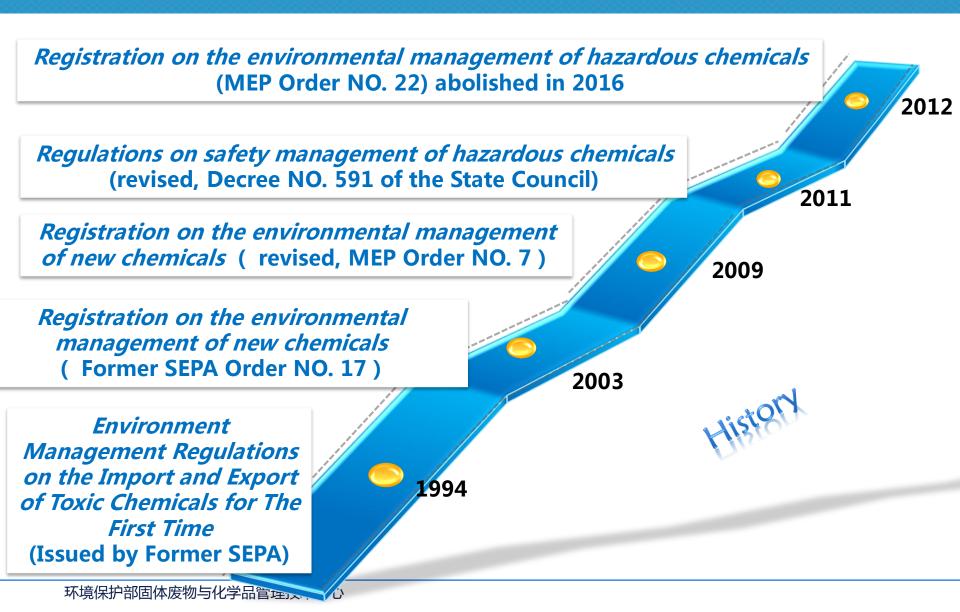
## Outlines





## Situation of China's chemicals management





## New Era, New Tasks





## The 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Communist Party of China





Speeding up Reform of the System for Developing an Ecological Civilization, and Building a Beautiful China



- Promoting green development
- Solving prominent environment problems
- Intensifying the protection of ecosystem
- Reforming the environmental regulation system



- **♦ Goal** : by 2020,
- the database for chemicals hazard features is built,
- □ the production and use of chemicals in China is well known,
- the capacity for chemical hazard identification and risk assessment is initially formed,
- basic regulation and standard system for chemical management are established,
- the environmental and health risk of certain chemicals such as mercury and POPs are effectively controlled,
- positive progress is made in the prevention and control of toxic and hazardous chemicals.
- Main tasks: Develop strategies, promote legislation, establish and improve systems, and implement measures.



## Notice of the State Council on the issuance of the 13th five-year ecological environmental protection plan (2016 NO.65)

 Chapter 3: focus on the prevention and control of risks at their sources and strengthen the foundation for green development

Establish a the systems of methods, procedures and technical specification for the environmental and health risk assessment of chemicals.

 Chapter 6: Implement the whole process control, effectively prevent and reduce the environmental risk

...to improve the capacity for risk control by reforming the normalized management system a whole life-cycle risk prevention and control system for toxic and hazardous chemicals will be established...

## Specific Requirements of the 13th Five-year Plan



#### Chapter 6: Implement the whole process control, effectively prevent and reduce the environmental risk

- Assess the environment and health risks of existing chemicals. Initial screening and risk assessment of existing chemical will be carried out to assess the accumulation and risk of chemicals in the environment. By the end of 2017, the list of priority control chemicals will be released, and the production, use and import of high-risk chemicals will be severely restricted or banned.
- Elimination of the Convention controlled chemicals. By 2020, POPs will be basically eliminated.



#### Goal :

To establish a macro management system. By formulating macroscopic policies, identity the chemicals needed to be managed and the corresponding measures such as elimination, substitution and inclusion criteria. The "engine " for the entire management framework.

## Tasks :

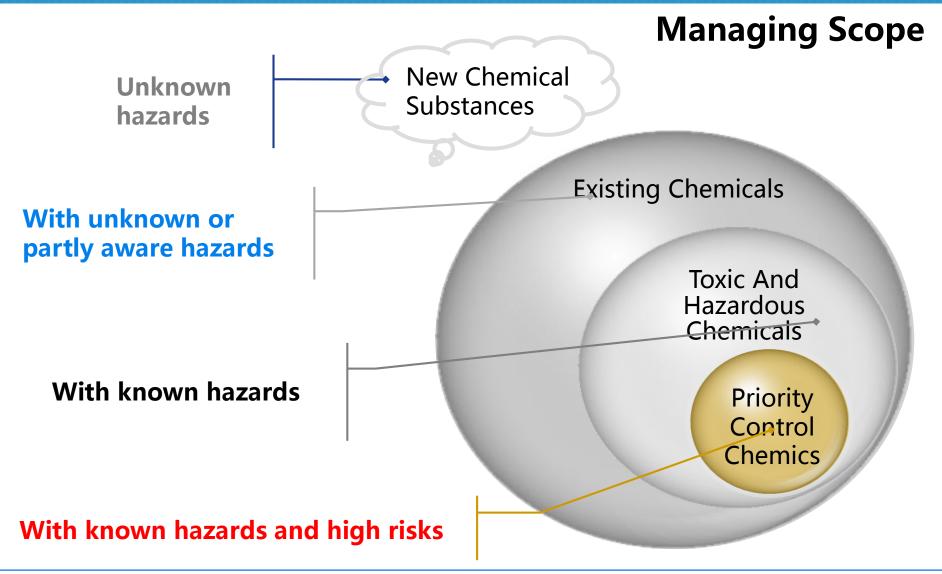
- By following the risk prevention principle, a legal framework covering the whole life cycle of the hazardous chemicals will be built.
- Establish and improve the chemical hazard identification, risk assessment, the elimination and restriction mechanism, and the whole life cycle risk management system.



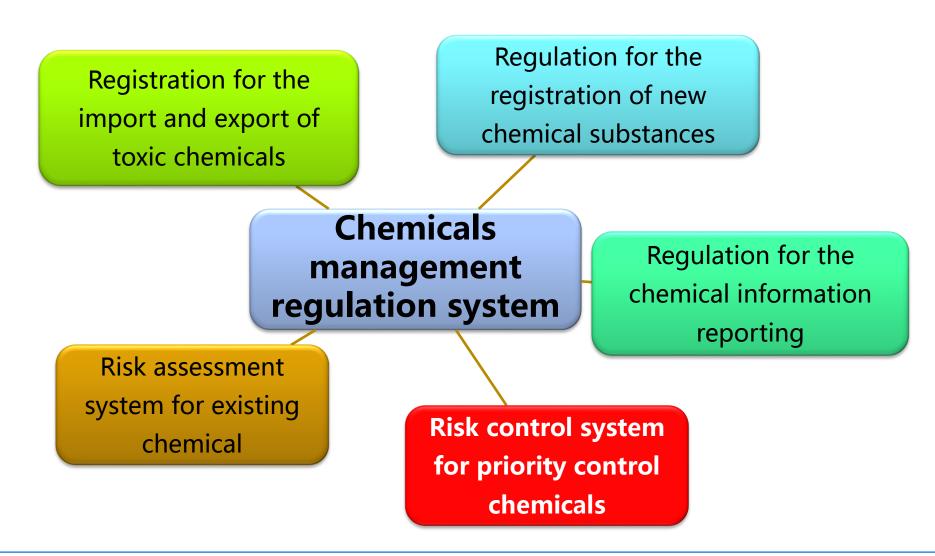
## **Legislative Goals and Control Objectives**

- To prevent the long-term, potential environmental pollution and risks from the hazardous chemicals, protect the ecological environment and public health, and promote the green development.
- Focus on chemicals that have been or may be in China's environment for a long time, with biological accumulation and toxicity.
- Exposure to the environment in a certain amount or concentration can pose an unacceptable risk to organisms (humans, plants, animals, etc.)
- With persistency and potential bioaccumulation ability that can cause negative effects on human body or other organisms.











#### Promote the establishment and improvement of the regulation system

Improve the regulation for the registration of new chemical substances

Improve the regulation for the chemical information reporting

Establish the risk assessment and control system for priority control chemicals

Improve the monitoring and evaluation system for the environmental investigation of chemicals

## **Regulation for the registration of new chemical substances**

Announcement for adjusting the data requirements in the guidance for the registration of new chemical substances (MEP announcement 2017 NO. 42 )

http://www.zhb.gov.cn/gkml/hbb/bgg/201709/t20170905\_420903.htm

## **Principles** :

- Streamline administration and delegate power to lower levels
- Enhance scientific and normative
- Reduce data requirements, lighten enterprise burden

## **Regulation for the registration of new chemical substances**

## > Adjustment range

- a) Toxicology minimum data requirements
- b) Ecotoxicology minimum data requirements
- c) Exemption conditions of physical and chemical data
- d) Exemption conditions of toxicology data
- e) Exemption conditions of ecotoxicology data

Registration for the import and export of toxic chemicals

 Announcement on publishing the list of China's severely restricted toxic chemicals (2018) (MEP announcement 2017 NO. 74)

http://www.zhb.gov.cn/gkml/hbb/bgg/201712/t20171222\_428499.htm

- a) The list of China's severely restricted toxic chemicals (2018)
- b) Notes on the application of the notification for import Clearance of toxic chemicals
- c) Notes on the application of the notification for export Clearance of toxic chemicals



#### The list of China's severely restricted toxic chemicals (2018)

Serial Number	Chemicals		CAS NO	HS Code	Permitted use
		Ch			
1		Lindane	58-89-9	2903810010	use as a human health pharmaceutical to control head lice and scabies before March 25th.2019
		Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid	1763-23-1	2904310000	1. Before March 25th.2019, Photo masks in the semiconductor and liquid crystal display (LCD) industries, metal plating (hard metal plating, decorative plating), electric and electronic parts for some colour printers and colour copy
	Perfluorooctane	Perfluorooctanesulphona te amine	29081-56-9	2904320000	machines, insecticides for control of red imported fire ant, and termites, chemically driven oil production, carpets, leather and apparel, textiles
2	sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOS-F)	Perfluoro-1- octanesulfonyl fluoride	307-35-7	2904360000	<ul><li>and upholstery, paper and packaging, coatings and coating additives, rubber and plastics.</li><li>2. Photo-imaging, photo-resist and anti-reflective</li></ul>
		Potassium heptadecafluoro-1- octanesulfonate	2795-39-3	2904340000	coatings for semi-conductor, etching agent for compound semi-conductor and ceramic filter, aviation hydraulic fluids, metal plating (hard metal plating) only in closed-loop systems, certain medical devices (such as ethylene
		Heptadecafluoro-1- octanesulfonic acid lithium salt	29457-72-5	2904330000	tetrafluoroethylene copolymer (ETFE) layers and radio-opaque ETFE production, in-vitro diagnostic medical devices, and CCD colour filters),
		Other perfluorooctylsulfonate	70225-14-8, 56773-42-3, 251099-16-8	2904350000	fire-fighting foam, insect baits for control of leaf- cutting ants from Atta spp. and Acromyrmex spp.
_ 3	Hexabro	mocyclododecane	25637-99-4 3194-55-6 134237-50-6 134237-51-7 134237-52-8	2903890020	used in EPS, XPS as fire retardant before December 25th. 2021



Chemical in Mercury Convention							
	4		Mercury	7439-97-6	2805400000	Comply with Mercury Convention	
	5	lead tetramethide		Chemicals in Rotterdam Con 75-74-1	2931100000	Industrial use (except for the use of explosion-proof agents other than aviation gasoline and other vehicles	
	6	lead tetraethyl		78-00-2	2931100000	Industrial use (except for the use of explosion-proof agents other than aviation gasoline and other vehicles	
	7	polychlorinate	ed terphenyl ( PCT )	61788-33-8	2903999030	Industrial use	
	8	tributyl tin compound		56-35-9 1983-10-4 2155-70-6 4342-36-3 1461-22-9 24124-25-2 85409-17-2	2931200000	Industrial use	
	9	short-chain chlorinated paraffins		85535-84-8	3824999990 ( liquid ) 3404900000 ( Solid with artificial wax characteristics )	Industrial use	
		Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonates, perfluorooctane sulfonamides and perfluorooctane sulfonyls	Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid	1763-23-1	2904310000	Industrial use	
			Perfluorooctanesulpho nate amine	29081-56-9	2904320000	Industrial use	
			Perfluoro-1- octanesulfonyl fluoride	307-35-7	2904360000	Industrial use	
	10		Potassium heptadecafluoro-1- octanesulfonate	2795-39-3	2904340000	Industrial use	
			Heptadecafluoro-1- octanesulfonic acid lithium salt	29457-72-5	2904330000	Industrial use	
-			Other perfluorooctylsulfonate	70225-14-8 56773-42-3 251099-16-8 4151-50-2 31506-32-8	2904350000	- Industrial use	



Changes in the list of China's severely restricted toxic chemicals (2018)

Former version-*The list of China's toxic chemicals with severely restriction on the import and export (2014)* 

"Severely restricted chemicals" refer to chemicals that are prohibited for their negative effects to health and environment, but are permitted to use under some special circumstances.

"Toxic chemicals" refers to chemicals that can cause harm to health and the environment through environmental accumulation, bioaccumulation, biological transformation or chemical reaction, or those can bring serious harm or potential danger to human body.



Changes in the list of China's severely restricted toxic chemicals (2018)

#### □ Fewer chemicals

- The chemicals in the new version is reduced to 10 (categories) from 162 (categories) in the 2014 version.

- Stockholm Convention, Mercury Convention and Rotterdam Convention are main basis.

#### Permitted use

- Permitted uses of each chemical are provided.

- The import and export of these chemicals can be applied only under permitted uses, otherwise are not allowed.

#### Management requirements

Notes on the application of the notification for export/import clearance of toxic chemicals are also provided.

#### Minamata Convention on Mercury comes into effect in China

- In July 2017, the State Council approved the establishment of the work coordination group of the MEP and other 17 ministries.
- In August 2017, Announcement on the Minamata Convention on Mercury comes into effect in China was issued by MEP and other 17 ministries.

## Management on Existing Chemicals



#### Goal :

- Risk management. The risk of chemicals are managed through screening and risk assessment.
- Improve the technology support capability. Form a team, establish a risk assessment system, and provide long-term and stable support for decision-making.

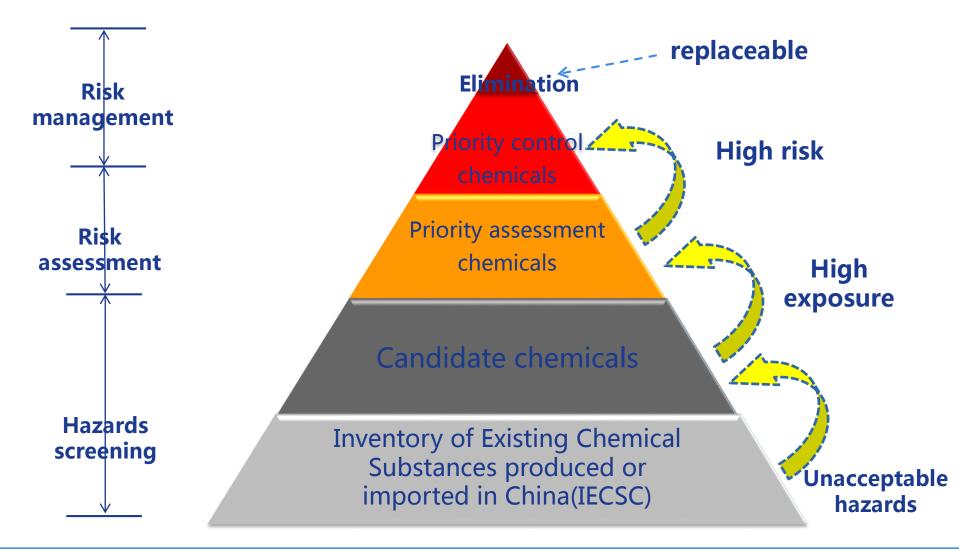
#### Tasks :

The hazard screening and risk assessment of existing chemicals (nearly 45,000 chemicals) in China will be carried out, and the priority control chemical list will be published.

➤ To eliminate and replace the priority control chemicals, and measures will be taken to prevent and control risks in the whole life cycle of chemicals, from production, use, consumption to waste disposal

## **Screening Principles for Existing Chemicals**





## **Priority Control Chemical List**



#### **Priority Control Chemical List**

• Action Plan on Water Pollution Prevention

- Evaluate the environmental and health risks of the existing chemicals, publish the priority control list of chemicals before the end of 2017, strictly restraint on the product and use of high risk chemicals, and drive the substituting and phasing out of these chemicals gradually.

Priority Control Chemical List(first batch) was launched on December 28th, 2017.

• Announcement on publishing the Priority Control Chemical List(first batch) (MEP 2017 NO. 83)

http://www.zhb.gov.cn/gkml/hbb/bgg/201712/t20171229\_428832.htm

## **Priority Control Chemical List(first batch)**



No	Chemicals	Cas No	No	Chemicals	Cas No
Pc001	Trichlorobenzene	120-82-1	Pc013	Naphthalene	91-20-3
Pc002	1,3-butadiene	106-99-0	Pc014	Lead Compound	
Pc003	Musk Xylene	81-15-2			1763-23-1
Pc004	N,n'- bis(methylphenyl)-1,4- benzenediamine	27417-40-9		Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS), Its Salts And Perfluorooctane Sulfonyl	307-35-7
Pc005		85535-84-8	Pc015		2795-39-3
		68920-70-7		Fluoride (PFOS-F)	29457-72-5
	Short-chain	71011-12-6			29081-56-9
	Chlorinated Paraffins	85536-22-7			70225-14-8
		85681-73-8			56773-42-3
		108171-26-2			251099-16-8
Pc006	Dichloromethane	1975-9-2			25154-52-3
Pc007	Cadmium And Cadmium Compounds	7440-43-9(镉)	Pc016	Nonylphenol And Nonylphenoxypoly(ethylen	84852-15-3
Pc008	Mercury And Mercury Compounds	7439-97-6(汞)		eoxy)ethanol	9016-45-9
Pc009	Formaldehyde	50-00-0	Pc017	Trichloromethane	67-66-3
Pc010	Chromium VI Compounds		Pc018	Trichloroethylene	1979-1-6
Pc011	Hexachlorocyclopentad iene	77-47-4	Pc019	Arsenic And Arsenic Compounds	7440-38-2(砷)
Pc012		25637-99-4	Pc020	Decabromodiphenyl Ether	1163-19-5
		3194-55-6	Pc021	Tetrachloroethylene	127-18-4
	Hexabromocyclododec ane	134237-50-6	Pc022	Acetaldehyde	75-07-0
	ane	134237-51-7			
		134237-52-8			

## **Chemical Investigation and Capacity Building**



#### **Chemical investigation**

- Since 2013, China has actively promoted domestic chemical investigation in key industries.
- As of 2017, two rounds of investigation have been carried out, data audit and investigation report have been completed, and the investigation methods and standard system have been formed.

#### **Database**

• The chemical database contains environmental protection standard, product content standard, hazard, and the production and use of more than 40,000 chemicals in China

#### Technical specification system

 The technical department has developed a series of technical documents, such as guidelines, guidances and specifications for the hazard screening and risk assessment, and some has been tested in the formulation of the first batch of priority controlled chemicals.
Technical guidance for exposure assessment of pollutants (HJ 875-2017) has been published (MEP Announcement 2017 NO.58)

## **Future of China's Chemicals Management**



- Legislation for chemicals management
- Establishment and improvement of regulations
- Risk assessment and control of chemicals
- Prevention and control of toxic and hazardous pollutants
- Capacity building for chemicals management



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