

(PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION)

Supplementary resolution on the bill proposing the amendment of the Law Concerning the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.

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Business and Industry Committee, House of Councilors

The government should take appropriate measures on the following points upon implementation of this law:

1. With respect to the examination of the safety aspects of existing chemical substances, to promote the planned advancement of the evaluation of toxicity through cooperation between the public and private sectors while accelerating the planned promotion of evaluation of toxicity through an international burden share.
2. To advance the deliberation of the general management policy to reduce risks arising from chemical substances, based on the protective measures set forth in the 15 principle of the Rio Declaration. Studies should also be conducted on the adverse effects on pregnant women and children.
3. To accumulate knowledge by advancing our own research to objectively evaluate and determine the effects on the entire ecosystem, including soil and, at the same time, expedite the improvement of the system for performing the examinations and regulation of ecotoxicity.
4. To promote the accumulation of knowledge concerning chemical sensitivity as well as scientific knowledge concerning chemical substances suspected of having the potential to cause endocrine disruption for the purpose of devising the necessary protective measures. To promote risk assessment of high-degradable chemical substances and devise necessary countermeasures.
5. To actively disclose information concerning chemical substances to citizens and other concerned parties so as to generate systematic databases, enabling them to widely share the necessary information and promote communication among themselves on the risks involved:

6. To ensure the application of post-monitoring on new chemical substances that are to be approved for manufacture or import through prior confirmation.

Supplementary provision of the bill proposing the amendment of the Law Concerning the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc.

May 21, 2003

Business and Industry Committee, House of Councilors

The government should take appropriate measures on the following points upon enforcement of this law in order to prevent environmental pollution through the effective application of appropriate risk assessment and management related to chemical substances, with due consideration given to the necessity of strengthening the international competitiveness of the chemical industry of the nation:

1. With respect to chemical substances that have already been examined, necessary measures should be devised so as to promote the evaluation of their effects on fauna and flora, from the viewpoint of how they affect human health.
2. With regard to monitored chemical substances such as Type II Monitored Chemical Substances, they should be upgraded to Second Class Specified Chemical Substances as necessary by conducting environmental monitoring and risk assessment and combining the results with those of toxicity research to be conducted by business enterprises.
3. To proceed with the determination of the actual situation such as environmental pollution or the impacts on human health and animals due to chemical substances while making efforts to prevent damage to human health, flora, and fauna by carrying out surveillance studies on the mechanism of such impacts.
4. To strengthen countermeasures against chemical substances with due consideration given to the preservation of the ecosystem, including the formulation of environmental standards for the protection of aquatic animals and arrangements for the expulsion stage of chemical substances.
5. To encourage and promote the development of safer chemical substances by business enterprises.

6. To endeavor to take more effective and efficient measures to deal with chemical substances by collaboration between government agencies and systems and, in addition, to actively contribute to the reinforcement of international measures on chemical substances.