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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 The Measures are formulated in accordance with the *Ecological and Environmental Code of the People's Republic of China* and other laws and regulations to standardize the environmental management registration of new chemical substances, scientifically and effectively assess and control the pollution risks of new chemical substances, focus on new chemical substances that may cause relatively large risks to the environment and health, protect the ecological environment, and safeguard public health.

Article 2 The Measures apply to activities such as the application and acceptance, review and decision, as well as the follow-up management of the environmental management registration certificate for new chemical substances (hereinafter referred to as the registration certificate).

Article 3 New chemical substances mentioned in the Measures refer to chemical substances falling under any of the following circumstances:

(1) Chemical substances not listed in the *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China*;

(2) Chemical substances listed in the *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China* that are subject to new usage environmental management.

The *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China* shall be organized to be formulated, adjusted, and published by the competent department of ecology and environment under the State Council.

Article 4 The State implements an environmental management registration system for new chemical substances.

Enterprises and public institutions that manufacture or import new chemical substances shall apply for and obtain a registration certificate from the competent department of ecology and environment under the State Council prior to manufacture or import.

Article 5 The environmental management registration of new chemical substances adheres to source admission, risk prevention, and classified management, focusing on the control of new chemical substances that possess persistence, bioaccumulation, high hazard to the environment or health, or may exist in the environment for a long time and may cause relatively large risks to the environment and health.

Article 6 The competent department of ecology and environment under the State Council is responsible for organizing and carrying out the national environmental management registration work of new chemical substances, formulating supporting documents such as policies, technical specifications, and guidelines related to the environmental management registration of new chemical substances as well as registration review rules, and strengthening the informatization construction of the environmental management registration of new chemical substances.

The competent department of ecology and environment under the State Council shall organize the establishment of an expert database for the pollution risk assessment of chemical substances (hereinafter referred to as the expert database). The expert database is composed of experts in chemistry and chemical engineering, health, environment, economy, policy, etc., to provide technical support for the review of the environmental management registration of new chemical substances.

The competent departments of ecology and environment of local people's governments at or above the level of a city divided into districts are responsible for the environmental supervision and management of the implementation of the Measures by relevant enterprises and public institutions manufacturing, importing, and using new chemical substances within their respective administrative regions.

The technical institutions for the environmental management of chemical substances affiliated to the competent department of ecology and environment under the State Council shall participate in the review of the environmental management registration of new chemical substances and undertake the specific work of the environmental management registration of new chemical substances.

Article 7 Enterprises and public institutions engaged in the manufacture, import, and use of new chemical substances shall comply with relevant national laws and regulations and the provisions of the Measures, take effective measures to prevent and control the pollution risks of new chemical substances, and bear liability for the damages caused in accordance with the law.

Article 8 The State encourages and supports the scientific research, popularization, and



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