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Chapter 1 General Rules

Article 1 The Measures are formulated in accordance with the *Ecological and Environmental Code of the People's Republic of China* and other relevant 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 pose significant risks to the environment and health, protect the ecological environment, and safeguard public health.

Article 2 The Measures apply to the environmental management registration of new chemical substance for their production and import activities carried out within the territory of the People's Republic of China, with the exception of new chemical substances that are stored in special customs supervision areas after import and are exported entirely without any processing.

The Measures do not apply to the following products or substances:

1. Pharmaceuticals, veterinary drugs, cosmetics, foods, food additives, feed, feed additives, and fertilizers, except where they are changed to other industrial uses, or as new chemical substances that serve as raw materials and intermediates for the aforementioned products;
2. Radioactive substances.

New chemical substances used for pesticides shall be implemented in accordance with relevant laws and regulations on pesticides management; however, where they are changed to other industrial uses, or as new chemical substances that serve as raw materials and intermediates for pesticide products, the Measures shall apply.

For articles designed to intentionally release contained new chemical substances during routine use, the contained new chemical substances shall be subject to the Measures.

Article 3 New chemical substances mentioned in the Measures refer to chemical substances not listed in the *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)*.

Chemical substances already listed in the *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)* shall be subject to environmental management as existing chemical substances; however, for chemical substances stipulated in the *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)* to be subject to new use environmental management, when used for other industrial uses beyond the permitted uses, environmental management shall be conducted in accordance with new chemical substances.

The *Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)* shall be organized, formulated, adjusted, and published by the competent department of ecology and environment under the State Council, including chemical substances that had been produced, sold, processed, used, or imported within the territory of the People's Republic of China before October 15, 2003, as well as chemical substances listed after October 15, 2003 pursuant to relevant provisions on new chemical substance environmental management.

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

Environmental management registration of new chemical substances is categorized into regular registration, simplified registration, and formality registration. Producers or importers of new chemical substances shall obtain a regular registration certificate, simplified registration certificate, or formality registration certificate for environmental management of new chemical substances (hereinafter collectively referred to as the registration certificate) prior to production or import.

Article 5 Environmental management registration of new chemical substances shall adhere to the principles of science, efficiency, openness, fairness, impartiality, and convenience for the public, adhere to source entry, risk prevention, and categorized management, and focus on the control of new chemical substances that are persistent, bioaccumulative, highly hazardous to the environment or health, or may persist in the environment for a long time and may pose greater 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 nationwide environmental management registration of new chemical substances, formulating supporting documents such as policies, technical specifications, and guidelines related to environmental management registration of new chemical substances, as well as registration review rules, and strengthening the informationization construction of new chemical substance environmental management registration.



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