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## Chapter 1 General Regulations

**Article 1 [Legislative purpose]** These Regulations are formulated in accordance with the “Environmental protection law of the People's Republic of China” for the purpose of assessing and controlling environmental risks of chemical substances, protecting environmental safety, safeguarding public health, and promoting high-quality economic development.

**Article 2 [Application scope]** These Regulations apply to the activities of conducting environmental risk assessment and implementing environmental risk control of chemical substances.

**Article 3 [Management principles]** For the environmental risk control of chemical substances, the principles of classification management, source prevention, comprehensive control, and public acquisition shall be adhered to, and the chemical substances that have great inherent hazards, persistence, bioaccumulation, or exist in the environment for long term and may pose a greater risk to the ecological environment and human health shall be controlled emphatically.

**Article 4 [Responsibilities of government departments]** The Ministry of Ecology and Environment under the State Council is responsible for organizing the national chemical substance environmental risk assessment, guiding, coordinating and supervising the national chemical substance environmental risk control.

The competent departments under the State Council such as National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, National Health Commission, General Administration of Customs, and State Administration for Market Regulation are responsible for the relevant work of chemical substance environmental risk assessment and control in accordance with these Regulations and their respective duties.

The Ministry of Finance under the State Council, in conjunction with the Ministry of Ecology and Environment and National Health Commission shall formulate relevant fiscal and taxation policies to encourage and support the research and development, production processing and using of environmentally friendly chemical substances such as non-toxic and low-toxic chemical substances, and restrict the production and processing and using of chemical substances under priority control.

The relevant departments of the local people's governments at or above the county level shall carry out relevant work in accordance with these Regulations, and shall supervise and manage the implementation of the environmental risk control measures and related management requirements for chemical substances within their respective range of responsibility.

The technical organization of environmental management of chemical substances under the Ministry of Ecology and Environment under the State Council is responsible for the registration of new chemical substances and the technical review of import and export of chemical substances.

**Article 5 [Expert committee]** The Ministry of Ecology and Environment under the State Council organizes the establishment of an Expert Committee on Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemical Substances, which is responsible for the review of new chemical substances registration and technical review of the environmental risk assessment report of chemical substance. The Expert Committee on Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemical Substances is composed of experts in chemical, chemical engineering, health, environment and analytical tests recommended by the relevant departments under the State Council.

**Article 6 [Entity responsibilities of enterprise]** Enterprises engaged in the production, processing and using and import /export of chemical substances shall take effective measures to prevent and control the environmental risks of chemical substances in accordance with these Regulations and relevant national regulations, and shall be responsible for the damage caused according to law.

**Article 7 [National encouragement]** The State encourages and supports scientific research on chemical substance environmental risk assessment techniques and assessment models improve the science of chemical substance environmental risk assessment. R&D and popularization and application of environmentally friendly alternative chemical substances and alternative technologies are encouraged.

Units and individuals that have made outstanding achievements in environmental risk assessment, risk prevention and control, and supervision and management of chemical substances shall be commended and rewarded according to relevant national regulations.

The State supports international exchange and cooperation in environmental risk assessment and control of chemical substances.

**Article 8 [Publicity and education]** People's governments at all levels and their relevant departments, self-governing organizations at the grassroots level and news media shall strengthen the publicity and education and science popularization on the prevention and control of environmental risks of chemical substances, enhance public prevention and control awareness on environmental risks of chemical substances, and guide the public to participate in the prevention and control of environmental risks of chemical substances in accordance with the laws.

**Article 9 [Testing management of chemical substance]** Domestic laboratories providing testing data of ecological toxicology and health toxicology for chemical substance environmental risk assessment and new chemical substance environmental management registration shall pass the metrology accreditation, conform to the good laboratory management practice, and strictly conduct testing work according to relevant national chemical substance testing standards. The testing laboratories shall be responsible for the authenticity of the testing results issued by them and assume legal responsibility.

The Ministry of Ecology and Environment under the State Council shall supervise and inspect the testing situation of the ecotoxicology testing laboratory of chemical substances. The National Health Committee shall supervise and inspect the testing situation of the health and toxicity testing laboratory of chemical substance.



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