

Important Implementation Results of December 2018

Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau,

Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan

1. The meeting and public hearing for the “draft revisions of Article 1 and Appendix 1, Article 2 and Appendix 2, Article 3 and Appendix 3, and Article 4 and Appendix 4 in the “Toxic Chemical Substances Restriction and Transportation Management Matters” was held on December 5, 2018. The meeting discussed listing short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) as toxic chemical substances and revised the current regulations on the toxic chemical substances decabromodiphenyl oxide and hexachloro-1,3-butadiene.
2. The revisions to the “Toxic Chemical Substances Transportation Management Regulations” were announced jointly by the EPA and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications on December 18, 2018. The revisions streamline voluntary reporting of vehicular accidents involving transportation of toxic chemical substances and strengthen the disaster prevention and response obligations of transporters.
3. The revisions to the Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act passed their third reading in the Legislative Yuan on December 21, 2018, and the title was revised as “Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances Control Act.” After being announced by the President, the Environmental Protection Administration will start the one-year process of further revision, providing notices, holding public hearings and other procedures to collect opinions and suggestions.