

Major Implementation Results of March 2019

Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau,

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1. An announcement was made on March 5 to classify short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) as a Class I toxic chemical substance. Moreover, to comply with international conventions and management measures, amendments were also made to decabromodiphenyl ether to change this currently controlled toxic chemical substance to Class I and Class II toxic chemical substance; and to Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene for total prohibition.
2. Amendments to *Regulation of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration* were promulgated on March 11 and the Explanatory Session for the Promulgation of Amendments to Regulation of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration took place in Taipei City and Taichung City on March 26 and March 29, respectively.
3. To implement the toxic chemical substance disaster prevention and protection plan, and enhance the emergency response capabilities of disaster response units, the TCSB held the Joint Toxic Chemical Substance Disaster Response Team Training for Northern, Central and Southern Centers on March 5, 19 and 26, respectively. A comprehensive discussion was also conducted among the participants to exchange opinions and experiences.